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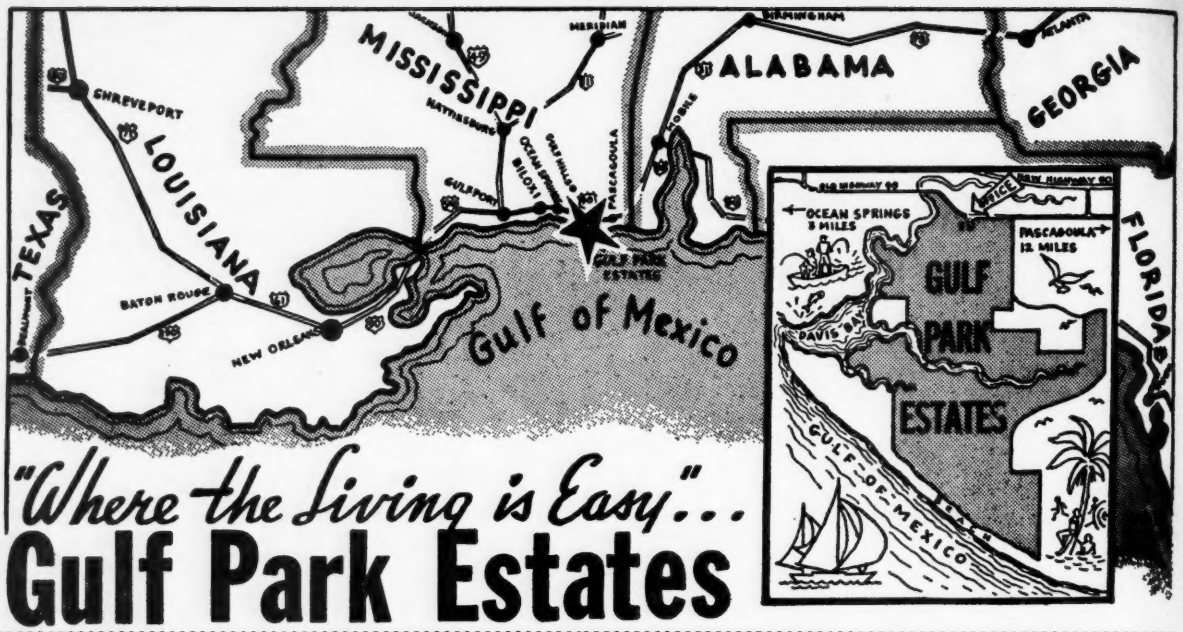

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✝

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—*John E. Southard*

✝

One's destiny is determined, not by what he possesses, but by what possesses him.

✝

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✝

If you're too big to willingly do little things, you are probably too little to be trusted with big things.

✝

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✝

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✝

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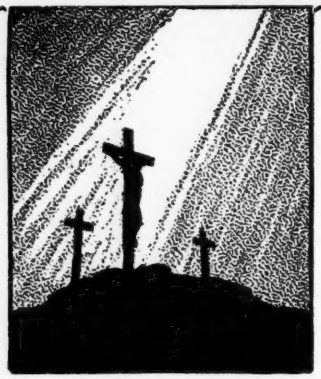

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In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
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Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that thro' all time abide.

—John Bowring

The joy of the Christian floats, not on the surface, but dwells deep in the hidden recesses of the heart.

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✝

Even a turtle gets nowhere until it sticks its neck out.

✝

If a care is too small to be turned into a prayer, it is too small to be made into a burden.

✝

There is no subject in the entire realm of Scripture which is so clear, so simple, so indisputably established, as the supernatural conception and the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ.

—*M. R. DeHaan*

✝

If you're going to teach a child the value of a dollar, you've got to do it awfully fast these days!

—*Franklin P. Jones*

✝

When David prepared to slay the giant, he armed himself with a handful of stones. But President Eisenhower slew the whole Republican Party in the South with one Little Rock!

—*Senator John McClellan*

✝

There are a great many people who oppose communists but really favor communism, if it is given a respectable name like the "Welfare State."

—*Dr. Alfred P. Haake*

✝

He who spends his time with the sinful, or looking at their worldly and ungodly programs, will never rise to godliness and saintliness and heaven.

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From Our Readers

From A Doctor

To the Editor:

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D.F.M.
Denver, Colo.

From An Author

To the Editor:

I find much in **The Defender** that I approve; also much that I could hardly commend — and that is something which should not be unexpected. The paper is very much worthwhile in many respects.

D.J.W.
Exeter, Calif.

From A College President

To the Editor:

The January Defender just arrived. Every issue is a feast of fat things . . . and always the next is better. I pray for your huge task in keeping in circulation the **Defender Magazine** in these days when its message is so urgently needed.

J.F.R.
Rio Piedras, P.R.

From A Senator

To the Editor:

Enclosed find $2.00 for which please send me fifteen copies of Pamphlet P-118 ("Christ and Communism"); also ten copies of the January **Defender**. This is an exceptional issue.

A.P.D.
Lansing, Mich.

From A Radio Commentator

To the Editor:

The Defender has not lost any of its dignity, charm and effectiveness. Nevertheless, the crossing over of Dr. Winrod continues in our heart and memory.

H.E.S.
Washington, D.C.

Shares Magazine With A Friend

To the Editor:

I think **The Defender** gets better each month. After reading my copy, I pass it along to a friend of mine.

T.M.B.
Arlington, Va.

From A Pastor

To the Editor:

It is most gratifying how you and the staff are keeping **The Defender** up to the eminent standard set by the beloved Dr. Winrod.

P.P.R.
Dallas, Texas

"Stick To The Bible"

To the Editor:

How can you print such an article? (Labor and the Law, January 1959, page 21) You have not earned your livelihood by the sweat of your brow, worked in sweat shops 48 hours a week for $10.00 a week, and if you did not make a ridiculous amount on the job you had to take home the work and finish it.

Don't print (articles) on unions and law when you don't know what it's all about. Stick to the Bible and let people make their decisions through God's Word and not your opinions based on man!

O.H.
Arlington, Calif.

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Scanning the Headlines

"The Defender Views the News"

Bible and Prayer Banning

California is popularly known as "The Golden State," because its great gold fields are among the richest in the world. The nickname is also suggested by the gold of its sunshine, the yellow sands of its deserts, the golden color of its hills in summer, the oranges ripening in its orchards, and the yellow Poppies that carpet its fields and hillsides in springtime.

Its first public school was opened at San Francisco in 1848. In 1849, the California constitution made provision for organizing the public school system. Today, more state funds are spent for education than for any other single purpose.

A state board of education is in charge of the school system. An elected superintendent of public instruction serves as chief executive and secretary of the board. Free textbooks are supplied, and education is compulsory for children between the ages of eight and sixteen.

Several months ago the State Board of Education requested the office of the Attorney General (which was then administered by Edmund G. [Pat] Brown, now Governor of the State), to issue an "opinion" on the following question:

Is it permissible to read, without comment, excerpts from a recognized version of the Bible in the public schools of California as a part of the school program?

At about this same time the District Attorney of San Mateo County requested an "opinion" on this topic:

May the Gideon Bible be distributed in the public schools of California?

The County Counsel of San Bernardino County followed these inquiries up by requesting an "opinion" on this subject:

May the governing board of a public school district require that each teacher read a prayer to the class each morning, in the following form: "Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our teachers, our homes and our country?"

In replying to the three above inquiries, the office of the Attorney General issued a thirteen-page single spaced typewritten "Opinion," which they summarized as follows (and we are quoting from their Opinion No. 53/266):

1. The Bible may not be read in public school classes for religious purposes. It may be used for reference, literary, historical, or other nonreligious purposes.

2. The Gideon Bible may not be distributed through the public school system.

3. Religious prayers may not be made a part of the curriculum of the public schools.

Under this "Bible Blackout" California has skyrocketed to America's most lawless State. In 1957, for instance, California recorded 266,077 major crimes, while New York had only 183,524. According to the Los Angeles *Mirror-News* of April 25, 1957, "crime in California is increasing four times as fast as the population. Forty-six per cent of all major crimes are the work of boys and girls under the age of eighteen!"

Judge Burdette J. Daniels was quoted in the Los Angeles *Times* of October 13, 1957 as stating that "Youngsters thirteen, fourteen and fifteen years of age are now committing an increasingly large share of serious crimes."

The Los Angeles *Mirror-News*, in a special article entitled "Lawbreakers Rampant," stated that: "Reports of the FBI and Los Angeles Police Department, April 24, 1958, showed robbery increasing twice as fast in Los Angeles as in the nation as a whole. Rape is increasing six times as fast, and auto theft three times as fast in Los Angeles as throughout the nation." It was brought out that youths under eighteen accounted for sixty-seven per cent of all auto thefts!

The California Christian Citizens Association (organized in 1863), with Dr. David Calderwood as its President, has taken exception to this ruling by the Attorney General of California. They immediately published a booklet, entitled, "Brown Bans The Bible," in which they discussed portions of his ruling." A copy of this publication was sent Mr. Brown, at which time he wrote the California Christian Citizens Association as follows:

Gentlemen:

I have read your very interesting pamphlet concerning the opinion of this office on the reading of the Bible in the public schools.

I disagree with your legal conclusions but respect your desire to give moral training to the youth of the land.

As a Christian and as a former District Attorney, I know the great need for the teaching of a moral absolute and I know it is the lack of it that is a contributive cause of juvenile delinquency.

However, it is my opinion that the courts do not agree with the position taken in your pamphlet.

You are right that the Attorney General's ruling is an *opinion*, not a *law*, and the way to change the opinion is to have some Board of Education in the State of California provide for Bible reading or the saying of prayers in a public school and then a suit could be brought to test the validity of the action of the Board of Education.

The case could then be taken to the Supreme Court and the opinion would just go out the window if the Attorney General's office was wrong.

There is no reason why any local school board should follow our opinion. I state this fact so that you will know what course to follow, to the end that a final determination will be made.

I assure you this is my desire just as much as yours.

Sincerely,
/s/ *Edmund G. Brown*

A teacher in San Diego commented: "Many movies and television shows portray people solving their problems by fist fights, pistol duels, and other forms of violence. But the Bible teaches a better way: the way of kindness and forgiveness. Return good for evil. Do good to those who are mean to you. Forgive everyone who wrongs you. Love your enemies.

"The Bible is the only Book that teaches the way of gentleness and kindness. Now I am forbidden to read the Bible to my students. I see some of them growing hard and mean. They laugh at my advice. And now I am denied the right to teach them from the one Book that has Authority behind it."

Defender readers should watch for the April issue, which will discuss the subject of the use of the Bible in our public schools at greater length.

Mexican Broadcasts Resumed

On a warm summer evening in June of 1947 (Sunday, June 15th to be exact) an announcer stepped to the microphone and said:

"And now, ladies and gentlemen, we bring you The Defender Hour with Dr. Gerald B. Winrod as your speaker . . ."

Little did those who were tuned in to the broadcast realize that they were hearing radio history being made. Since that date, more than eleven years ago, an amazing record for religious broadcasts has been set.

Starting out as an every-other-Sunday night half hour program, it soon blossomed into a regular weekly fifteen-minute broadcast . . . and later was enlarged, due to its popularity, into a nightly visit by Dr. Winrod.

His pen, as well as his mighty voice, proved to be an inspired combination. The first ten months of broadcasting a total of 1,432 programs were aired . . . and this figure, though phenomenal in itself, was increased to a grand total of 3,647 broadcasts a year at a later date!

Dr. Winrod took his script writing very seriously. Each message was prayed into existence . . . then laboriously chiseled out in long hand, gone over with a fine tooth comb, a word scratched out here, a phrase added there . . . and then the finished product was passed on to a secretary for typing in its final form.

His delivery of the talks, as millions of listeners will testify, was masterful. God blessed him with a rare gift, an ideal radio voice, one which commanded immediate attention . . . one which had in it immense verve, vitality and authority.

Many topics were discussed in these Defender Hour broadcasts . . . salvation, prayer, angels, prophecy, modernism, communism, as well as many messages dealing with God's interest in the physical condition of mankind.

On November 11, 1957 the voice of Gerald B. Winrod was stilled. He had prepared before his death sufficient messages so it was possible to continue the series of talks for a few weeks . . . but after that, the Mexican broadcasts were discontinued temporarily.

We are pleased to announce, however, that starting the first Sunday in February, The Defender Hour returned to the Mexican stations, on a weekly basis, with Dr. J. William Bostrom as the speaker.

Never before in the history of the Defenders organization have we received so many requests for prayer from friends, as during the past twelve months.

Subscribers have written us heart-touching letters relating to their personal problems . . . financial, marital, health, spiritual, mental . . . yes, personal problems of every nature.

With this in mind, Dr. Bostrom has prepared a series of heart-warming, faith-building messages for 1959. "Getting Personal" indicates the inspiration these broadcasts will bring to everyone with a need . . . especially those outside of Christ.

The Defender Hour can be heard each Sunday evening on the following Mexican border stations:

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If it is possible for you to tune in, do so . . . then write us concerning reception. Also feel free to let us have your suggestions as to future topics. Dr. Bostrom wishes you to feel that these broadcasts are for your benefit!

Pray also that the Lord will supply the finances needed to continue these weekly visits by radio, for the cost is great. (Coupon on page 36 for your convenience.)

Primary Need: Invoking God's Guidance

The state of a nation's character is an index to its economic, political and military security. Solomon, one of the wisest of the sages, once said: "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people."

America faces the task of rebuilding the national character. Old-fashioned principles of honesty, decency and integrity must be restored.

The existence of democratic government depends upon the character, the right purpose, a sense of moral responsibility to God, on the part of the individual citizen, as well as its elected law makers.

A stream cannot flow higher than its source. And a nation cannot rise above its level of national integrity. The condition of a nation's soul is an index to material security.

It was Roger Babson who said: "I believe the only development which can keep democracy afloat is a revival of religion. Under the old system of centralized government, conditions depended only upon the character of the rulers, and not upon the character of the masses.

"Once a government could prosper, whatever the condition of the churches, or even without an educational system for the people. But today, with every man a voter, and all the votes counting the same, the stability of government depends, not upon wealth, nor armies, but upon the character of the electorate."

There is an intimate connection between national character and a full dinner pail. There is an intimate connection between moral consciousness and sound economics. There is an intimate connection between national integrity and national well-being. Let us pray unitedly for a Divine awakening, not only among the individual citizens, but among each law maker entrusted with the the task of molding our destiny as a Nation.

The Sermon Of The Month . . .

CONSIDER THE LILIES

R. S. Beal, D.D. Tucson, Arizona

"And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin." (Matthew 6:28)

IT IS NEEDLESS to remind you that the portion of the Word of God which I am seeking to lay upon your hearts is embedded deep in the heart of the Sermon on the Mount.

No one can read this great sermon without realizing that Jesus was a master teacher and adept at using the common things of life in the presentation of divine truth.

As the Saviour sat on the side of the mountain teaching His disciples, it seemed as though He used everything in sight for the purpose of pointing men to His heavenly Father and for bringing them to the knowledge of salvation.

In this sermon He speaks of salt and light, of cities, treasures and candles. He deals with moths and rust, and mentions birds, sheeps and wolves. He speaks of clothing and of the beautiful lilies of the field. Nothing escaped His vision.

His Father's world was a wonderful place to Him, rich in the glories of His creative work. All that He beheld reminded Him of phases of truth and provided Him with illustrative material. To Him every star, every bird, every tree and every flower had its message.

When Jesus invited His disciples to "consider the lilies," He was about to lead them into some of the profoundest truths of the Christian life.

Jesus did not study nature for nature's sake. He looked upon the handiwork of His Father as a revelation of God's person, power and will.

May we, too, on this glad Easter day look out upon the fields and behold the very flowers to which He invited their attention. Let us "consider the lilies" as they teach

The Glory Of Resurrection

This lovely flower is the emblem of resurrection. This is why we adorn our churches and our homes with it at this season of the year. We are gladdened by its message of victory over death.

With the advance of autumn, the frosts withered all that was above the soil, but they could not touch the ugly, scaly bulbs hidden in the earth. In springtime the ground breaks, and up from the place of death comes the lily in all its beauty.

What profound truths God is constantly teaching us as the Lord Jesus points first to the stars, then to the birds, and finally to the flowers and the grass of the field.

No one in the world was as capable as He in the use of this art. One can visualize Him even now as He stood amid the lilies on a hillside somewhere in Galilee, and with a sweeping gesture of His hand, directed the people to the flowers all about them.

Horticulturists tell us no country in the world is so rich in its variety of flora as the land of Palestine. In flower blooming time, the whole country is a tangled web of flowers of all colors and kinds.

Looking at His disciples, the Saviour said, "Consider the lilies how they grow." It is worth stopping to think for a few moments as to how they grow.

They come up out of the place of death. As we come to the fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians, we shall see that Paul, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, refers to the field and the way the seed springs up out of death and how God clothes it with "a body as it hath pleased him."

The Apostle Paul calls attention to two questions usually found upon the lips of men in their quest to know the meaning of resurrection and the circumstances which attend it.

God never leaves men in the dark relative to these matters. His Word sheds light not only upon life, but upon death and the grave and what lies beyond.

If these things are a mystery to us, it is due to the fact that we have not given the Bible a chance to show us. God makes everything to hinge upon His Word.

It contains all that any of us need to know in order to be saved and to live a life according to His will. The Holy Spirit has been given in order to make these things real to our experience.

"But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?" (I Corinthians 15:35)

Two Questions Asked

One question is introduced by the little word "how," and the other by the word "with." Thus we face two distinct questions.

In answering them, however, the apostle immediately turns to nature in order to show how nature itself teaches the fact of resurrection.

Contrary to human reasoning, physical death is not a hindrance, but a necessary step to resurrection. Jesus made this plain when He said, "Except a corn

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of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." (John 12:24)

And Paul also adds, "Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die." (I Corinthians 15:36) Thus it is apparent everywhere that nature itself teaches the fact of resurrection.

In dealing with bodily resurrection, the Apostle Paul goes on to say, "And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain: but God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body." (I Corinthians 15:37-38)

As one looks upon the springing grain, rising up out of the place of death, it is to know that God giveth each seed its own body. It is all the work of the great Creator.

Certainly the seed does not grow up without a body, but it possesses the manifestation that God intended.

Having given us this apt illustration from nature, the apostle says, "So also is the resurrection of the dead ..." (I Corinthians 15:42)

So often the burial of the body is likened unto the sowing of seed, and the resurrection is illustrated by the growing of that seed. Therefore a corpse is a seed which is sown to the end that it might be raised to be something more beautiful.

"And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly." (I Corinthians 15:49)

Our resurrection body will be like that of the Son of God in His risen glory. It will not be subject to any human limitations such as we now experience in these bodies of humiliation.

While the body is sown in corruption, it will not always remain so since God says, "it is raised in incorruption," the work of the grave being defeated.

When the body is lowered "it is sown in dishonor," because it is defeated by death; but when the Lord comes we are assured it will be "raised in glory."

Again we are reminded that "it is sown in weakness" because dead and unable to help itself. But the body is to be "raised in power."

"It is sown a natural body," that is, a body through which the soul functions. "It is raised a spiritual body," through which the Spirit life operates without any limitations. (I Corinthians 15:42-44)

I want you to "consider the lilies" as they teach

The Righteousness Of Christ

We all know the lily is a thing of beauty. We look at it with great delight. Even with the natural eye man can see the delicate tracery of the blossom.

How much more beautiful it is when viewed under a powerful microscope! The delicate texture of its petals will be seen. Alongside of this plant man's fairest weaves of silk or linen look coarse and uneven. The looms of men do not produce beauty comparable to the looms of God.

When an old Scotchman was asked to look at a bit of heather under the microscope, he stood for a few moments in awed amazement as he beheld the delicacy and beauty of the flower which was so wonderfully revealed.

Then he said, choking with emotion, "I wish I had not looked at it. It makes me feel badly to think of all those beautiful things I have been trampling needlessly all these years. I did not know before that a bit of heather was so intricately made."

Jesus referred to this when He said "... that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." (Matthew 6:29)

Solomon's glory defied description. The story of his kingly splendor has thrilled the imagination of men through the centuries.

We recall reading about his great throne of ivory overlaid with pure gold. The throne had six steps mounting to its seat with twelve lions, two on each step, represented as guarding it.

"There was not the like made in any kingdom." The royal robes were made of purple and fine linen from Egypt and trimmed with gold from Ophir.

The Queen of Sheba who herself was accustomed to royal splendor was amazed when she came and beheld Solomon's glory. She cried out that the half had not been told. It was beyond her fairest dreams.

The Frailties Of Man

All of this is the labored work of the hands of men, at best imperfect and incomplete, and is as nothing compared with heaven's glinting beauty as reflected in the lily.

Our Saviour reminded us that this little plant of the field is more beautiful than all of Solomon's glory.

It seems to me that the gorgeous dress of the lily pictures the righteousness and glory of the risen Christ, imparted and imputed to the believer.

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"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption: that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord." (I Corinthians 1:30-31)

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (II Corinthians 5:21)

How wonderfully precious it is to know that we have been clothed in the perfections of the risen Christ! All the attributes of our Saviour are attributed to us. All the works of man's hands in their finest manifestation cannot compare with the work of God in salvation.

"But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away." (Isaiah 64:6)

"And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith." (Philippians 3:9)

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour." (Titus 3:5-6)

Who then is arrayed like the child of God? What more could God do for him? Surely it is the "best robe!"

Let us "consider the lilies" as they teach

The Divine Method Of Growth

Easter has to do with life, hence the possibility of growth. We are not occupied with the thought of death at this season of the year. Victory over death is the dominant note and life blossoms forth and unfolds in all its glory.

The drab shades of the winter give way to the living green of spring; the heart is made glad and everything seems to be different.

Jesus said, "Consider the lilies ... how they grow." Then He pointed out how "they toil not," that is, as do the men. Then He said, "neither do they spin," that is, as do the women.

They grow, therefore they do not remain at a standstill.

A post may be placed in the ground and remain in position for many years, but it never grows for it is a dead thing. There is no life whatsoever. But when a tree or a flower is planted it begins to grow because it has life.

The lily grows without self-effort. It does not struggle to get larger. The plant draws its beauty from the sun, quietly awaits the drops of dew from heaven, and appropriates from the soil what God has for it.

Apart from Jesus Christ every human being is said to be "dead in trespasses and sins." The truth that man has no life in himself is taught over and over.

"The soul that sinneth, it shall die." Since "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God," then all are separated from the life that is in God.

The Lord Jesus knew that "the wages of sin is death." He said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live." (John 5:25)

Man in his blindness has not seen the truth of his dead spiritual estate and imagines he can grow like Christ, and do things for God that will be pleasing, but dead things do not grow.

Since the believer in Christ Jesus has been raised from the dead and made alive in Christ, he is able to grow and is expected to grow.

The last word that came from Peter's inspired pen reads, "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." (II Peter 3:18)

It is surprising how many in the church are willing to remain at a standstill, if such is possible. May God help us to see the blessed privileges which are ours as those who are raised from the dead.

Let us "consider the lilies" as they teach us

The Providences Of God

Jesus speaks to all who are inclined to worry. He invited His children to look at the birds and to consider the flowers.

The birds do not sow, yet they are fed. The lilies do not work, yet they are clothed. So the Saviour says, "Take no thought for your life."

That is, do not worry as to what ye shall eat, drink or wear. God is equal to these needs.

I do not believe we are to sit down and fold our arms and await the arrival of our food from heaven or the coming of our clothes by the hand of an angel. Jesus did not set a premium on improvidence. He was too wise to teach that God would honor laziness.

The birds had to gather their food, and the lilies drew their nourishment from the soil in which they were planted.

What Jesus meant was the conscious recognition of the presence of God in every day circumstances.

Our Father is not far from nature and He sees that His creatures are cared for. He is not far from every one of us. With our Lord so near it is just as foolish to worry about little things that vex us as it would be to worry about the height of our stature.

If Jesus were still in the tomb, we might have ample ground for worry. Trusting the living Christ is a safe risk. We need have no fear.

The lily trusts Him unconsciously and we trust Him consciously. The law of the lily points to the life of faith. Let us ever remember that a living Christ is ever working in our behalf.

Finally, I would have you "consider the lilies" as they teach

The Beauty Of Holiness

I want you to note carefully that the Master is speaking about the lilies of the field. He does not call upon us to consider the lily of the waters or the lily of the greenhouse, but rather "the lilies of the field," growing out of the common soil amid the wind and dust.

I think He wanted his disciples to note how white and beautiful they were, which also reminds us how He said, "in the world," but "not of the world."

Stately and pure those lilies were growing to remind them and us, too, of what all our Lord's disciples should be, and of the victory which the risen Christ is willing and ready to give to all those who trust Him and who walk in unbroken fellowship with Him.

There is a fable about a briar which was growing in the ditch. In due course of time a gardener came along with his spade and carefully examined it.

As he dug around it, and then lifted it out of the ground, the briar said to itself, "Why is he doing this to me? Does he not know that I am only a briar which most people count as worthless?"

But the gardener worked on, and one day came with his keen-edged knife, and making a slit in the plant, he "budded" it with a rose.

And by and by summer came and lovely roses were blooming on that old briar. Then the gardener said, "Your beauty is not due to that which came out, but to that which I put into you."

This is just what the Lord Jesus is doing all the time with His redeemed children. He is pouring the power of His risen life into their hearts.

I do not like to think of the way in which God's lilies allow themselves to become defiled with the dust of worldly things.

It seems to me that most of us need a good old-fashioned divine cleansing; because of our worldliness and fleshliness, the unsaved hardly know that we belong to Jesus Christ.

Our duty as a lily of the Lord is to be washed every day by the cleansing blood of our Saviour which makes whiter than the snow.

We should be free from every defiling influence to the end that we may be plants of which He is not ashamed and which He delights to display as the objects of His workmanship.

IMMORTALITY

If the Father deigns to touch with Divine power the cold and pulseless heart of the buried acorn and to make it burst forth from its prison walls, will He leave neglected in the earth the soul of man, made in the image of his Creator?

If He stoops to give to the rose bush, whose withered blossoms float upon the autumn breeze, the sweet assurance of another springtime, will He refuse the words of hope to the sons of men when the frosts of winter come?

If matter, mute and inanimate, though changed by the forces of nature into a multitude of forms, can never die, will the imperial spirit of man suffer annihilation when it has paid a brief visit like a royal guest to this tenement of clay?

No, I am sure that He who, notwithstanding His apparent prodigality, created nothing without a purpose, and wasted not a single atom in all His creation, has made provision for a future life in which man's universal longing for immortality will find its realization.

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> **Red and yellow, black and white,**
> **They are precious in His sight.**
> **Jesus loves the little children of the world.**

But as we grow older, our early memories seem to fade away. Gone are our visions of Christ blessing the little ones; and we sometimes forget that He came to earth to die for the sins of all humanity, including the Chinese, the Russians, the Japanese, the African, and countless other races, perhaps unknown to us, but still very precious in the eyes of God.

In our busy, workaday world, we often are guilty of restricting our Christianity to our own individual needs, and the wants of our loved ones, and seldom take time to think of those in almost desperate straits, as far as the Gospel is concerned.

In Christian America we hesitate to make the effort to go to church if our car is not functioning properly; on the mission field the converts eagerly walk for miles to the nearest place of worship.

In Christian America, if it rains, if it snows, if it sleets, if it is cold, if it is hot, we feel this is sufficient excuse to remain at home from divine worship.

On the foreign mission field the converts never seem to notice the state of the weather. Through torrential downpours, in the torrid noon time heat, or in the blackness of the jungle night, they trek faithfully to their respective houses of worship, be it a humble hut with thatched roof, the home of their local pastor, or even an open air service.

To visit a Defender mission field is a rare privilege. One comes away with the feeling he has truly been with God's children. In the lives of almost every convert miracles of grace have been wrought.

Before meeting the Christ, most of the natives were slovenly, ill-kempt, lackadaisical, burdened nonentities; after conversion, a remarkable change takes place.

The same individuals appear in public, bodies scrubbed clean for the first time in months; a smile radiates their countenances, enthusiasm exudes from their every movement, and they give the appearance of being joyfully alive.

Such a miracle can only be accomplished as a result of inviting Christ into their lives and hearts.

Here at Defender Headquarters we are in almost daily touch with the various fields, through the means of correspondence.

The Superintendents on the missionary fronts are most faithful in keeping us informed as to progress. Indeed, we are especially blessed in having such astute, consecrated leaders.

Gonzalo Davila

One such person, to whom *Defender* readers were briefly introduced last May, is Rev. Gonzalo Davila, who has charge of all Defender missionary efforts in the Republic of Guatemala.

On his shoulders rests the entire burden of our work in this Central American country, approximately the size of our State of Ohio. He has proven himself to be a power house of energy, zealous, brilliant, but above all, humble. His determined efforts to present Christ to his people is a story in itself.

Mr. Davila, a young man in his late twenties, devotes his entire time to the work of the Lord, with the exception of a few hours each week when he teaches English in a private school in Guatemala City. For these efforts he is paid a small sum, which enables him to keep his Gospel labors going.

Born of Christian parents, he has had the advantage of being reared in a spiritual climate which culminated in his conversion and subsequent call to the ministry at an early age.

Under his guidance, the work has grown marvelously, for which he gives God the credit. In a recent report to this office he explained that "we are engaged here in prayer every morning at six o'clock."

Then he went on to explain, "We

OUR COVER

The painting appearing on the cover of this issue of The Defender, by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld, is known as "The Resurrection."

"And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled the boulder back and sat upon it. His appearance was like lightning, and his garments as white as snow. And those keeping guard were so frightened at sight of him that they were agitated and trembled, and became like dead men." (Matthew 28:2-4, Amplified translation)

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gather in a group in order to pray for a spiritual revolution (revival) for our Defender churches."

In another comprehensive report he told of the progress being made at the various locations where Defender congregations assemble regularly.

Bethel Church

This is the mother church, located in the heart of Guatemala City. Known locally as "The Church of Great Activities," this group of believers, under the leadership of Brother Davila, has experienced a remarkable growth in recent months.

A special effort is being made to reach the children. Many parents will not allow their offspring to attend regular services in a recognized church building.

To offset this prejudice and yet reach these youngsters, Brother Davila recently organized three groups of children, making special arrangements for them to meet in Christian homes near the Church.

He was fortunate enough to secure the services of three young ladies who regularly meet with the children, teaching them Bible stories. Even in far off Guatemala flannelgraph is a popular method of reaching this age group.

Brother Davila explains that the large majority of the children who attend these services come from ungodly homes, have no spiritual backgrounds to speak of, yet are most hungry for the Word.

Their little minds are proving quite receptive, as they sit at the feet of their dedicated teachers, enraptured with the stories so familiar to the youth of our land.

At the last writing, Brother Davila reported attendance was increasing at a rapid rate. At present between thirty-five and forty youngsters attend *each* of the three classes, and slowly but surely, some are accepting Christ as their Saviour.

Children, A Needy Field

The children of Guatemala, as well as the other Central American countries, tug at the heartstrings of the visitor. As one observes them on the streets, he cannot help but compare their plight with the advantages our American children enjoy.

Here the children wear the latest fashions, complete with stockings, leather shoes and hats; there the youngsters are fortunate if they have a ragged dress or a shirt and trousers; very few have even shoes to protect their feet from the rocky pathways.

Here the children are blessed with a bountiful supply of food, almost to the point of being gluttonous; there the youngsters quickly partake of the meager daily allotments of food, most of which is lacking in proper nutrition; their diets are often supplemented with items found along the roadside, with tropical berries and with candy given them by tourists.

Here the children attend public schools, are taught by well-educated instructors, and complain about the amount of home work they are expected to complete; there the youngsters are not so fortunate. Many are unable to avail themselves of the few unpretentious schools. But those who do, do so eagerly, digesting as much education as possible.

Here the children are blessed by having fathers and mothers who lavish on them the love and devotion due them; there many of the youngsters are unwanted; not a few will be observed roaming the streets at night, almost from infancy. It is a common sight to see little tykes following along behind a tourist, barefoot, ragged clothing, dirty faces, hair uncombed ... pleading with the visitor to stop long enough to hand them a few pesos.

Here the children are free to occupy their spare time with the playing of games, visiting with their chums or various other forms of entertainment; there the youngsters are expected to go out early in life, seeking work of some sort, as a means of supplementing the family income.

It is these children Brother Davila and his faithful co-workers are endeavoring to reach with the Gospel. Later on we will explain how you can have a part in this needy effort.

A Prayer Request

Bethel Church is fortunate in having a well-attended Sunday School, however Brother Davila reports that they lack sufficient room for the various classes.

He requests all Defender readers to join in prayer that the Lord will make it possible for the local congregation to purchase an adjoining lot whereby they can look forward, at a later date, to enlarging their present facilities.

One more item before completing the Bethel Church report ...

Here in America the churches are more and more doing away with extra services. Where a congregation formerly met twice on Sunday and again on Wednesday for prayer meeting, now

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Brother and Sister Vicente Lopez of Coatepeque City stand beside a bicycle, presented them recently through the generosity of a Defender friend.

the same groups consider one service a week sufficient.

Brother Davila reports that at Bethel Church they hold services five nights a week, in addition to which they meet regularly each Sunday morning for Sunday School classes. On Saturday evenings the young people have special youth worship, and many times extra activities are planned for various afternoons.

Villa Nueva

Located twelve miles south of Guatemala City, this agricultural center of approximately five thousand inhabitants boasts a Defender station, one of the first missions established by Temple Bethel.

Villa Nueva does not have a regular pastor, chiefly due to lack of funds to support one, but the group of more than fifty converts are faithful in attendance.

Brother Davila reports that he often goes to this city and holds evangelistic meetings, in an effort to keep interest up until a permanent pastor can be appointed.

At present the congregation holds services in the homes of its members, alternating from one humble abode to another. The elders of the church preside at such meetings.

The problems which confront these people seem, at times, almost insurmountable. Poverty smothers practically all activity. Most of the population lack even what we consider the bare essentials for existence.

Securing clothing is an important item in anyone's budget, but where there is no budget, one has to do without!

It will be of interest to note that each Wednesday a faithful group of believers from this congregation go from door to door, distributing tracts, testifying, inviting members of the household to services. In this manner, the body of believers is growing, slowly but surely.

San Antonio La Paz

This village, located twenty miles north of Guatemala City, lies deep in the rugged hills. The church here was likewise founded by the Bethel congregation.

Brother Davila reports that, when they first went to San Antonio La Paz, much opposition was incurred. However now conditions are much more pleasant, and the people attend in great throngs to hear the Gospel.

He recently visited San Antonio La Paz, devoting an entire week-end to the journey. The first day, a Friday, was spent in advising the congregation on proper procedure in establishing two new preaching points in nearby villages.

The following day, a Saturday, after performing a wedding ceremony for a young couple in the congregation, Brother Davila reports it was his privilege to preach to a crowd of about three hundred and fifty souls.

The auditorium, an unpretentious meeting hall, was filled to capacity, with every seat taken, and standing room at a premium. It was impossible to gather all the interested persons in the building. Many of them stood outside, peering in through open doors and windows, eager to hear the message.

In his report Brother Davila mentioned: "In the morning we had Sunday School, after which the congregation partook of the Lord's Supper, during which time we felt the very presence of the Holy Spirit."

Later on that evening he, together with a representation of the local congregation, went to a nearby preaching point known as El Hato, where he was privileged to testify and preach to a large crowd.

Services are held at San Antonio La Paz four times each week; the other three nights are devoted to taking the Gospel to nearby preaching points.

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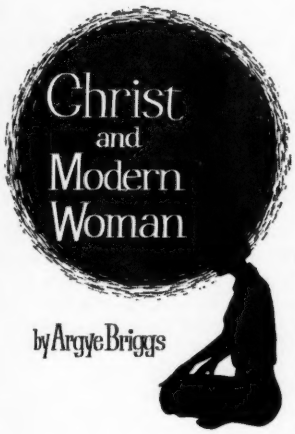

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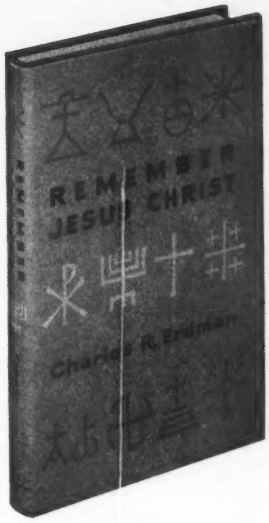

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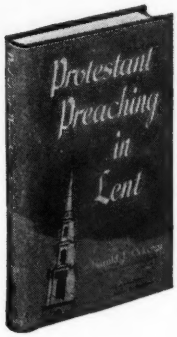

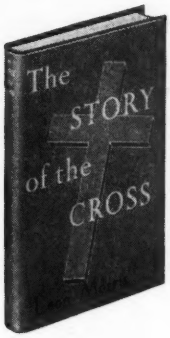

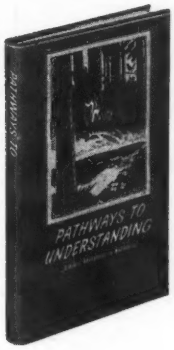

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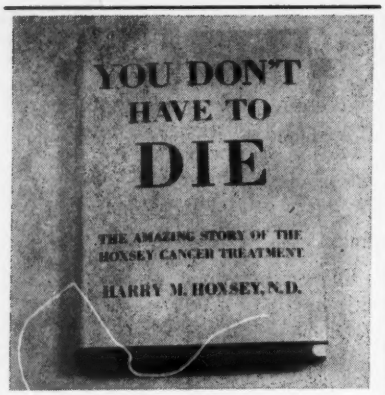

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In a recent report to this office Rev. Davila said: "Two souls recently surrendered to Christ, for which the brethren were thankful. These people devote all their extra time to the service of their church, so they need your prayers. Please remember these dear friends daily."

Coatepeque City

This village of 6,500 inhabitants is situated in the southwestern corner of Guatemala, near the Pacific coast, and not far from the Mexican border. It is centered in the midst of a rich coffee-growing area.

Defender readers will recall reading about our representative in Coatepeque City in a recent issue.

Prior to his conversion he was a government telegrapher, but is now retired, having turned sixty years of age. For the past several years he has devoted every spare moment to preaching the Gospel.

To the casual observer, Brother Lopez is not an outstanding figure. Of definite Indian extraction, he is quite small in stature, stocky, his face lined with age, yet atop his head is a luxuriant crop of jet black hair, which belies his years.

He is a man of vision, with a compassionate heart. From his home base he has established ten preaching points, which formerly necessitated his personal attention, on foot, a total of 120 American miles.

The miles were not easy ones, but rather were paths leading through thick jungle underbrush, up steep mountainsides where no automobiles ever venture, across cool mountain streams.

A Defender reader, learning of Brother Lopez' zeal, felt led to send him a bicycle. The accompanying photograph (page 14) shows the proud owner, together with his wife.

Prayers Being Answered

The ways of the Lord are mysterious and wonderful indeed. Oftentimes He knows our needs even before we speak them.

Recently a communication was received from the Guatemalan field wherein it was noted that they had a need for musical instruments.

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During this experience our thoughts could not help but turn to Matthew 6: 7-8 (Amplified translation):

"Keep on asking and it will be given you; keep on seeking and you will find; keep on knocking [reverently] and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who keeps on asking receives, and he who keeps on seeking finds, and to him who keeps on knocking it will be opened."

A Macedonian Call

The Defenders organization is fortunate in having a representative of the caliber of Brother Gonzalo Davila.

Many in Guatemala are seeking his help. Although the task of pastoring Bethel Church in Guatemala City is a herculean one, he exemplifies the true missionary heart by endeavoring to answer as many outside calls as possible.

His exertions in behalf of others often takes him into surrounding areas. The "Macedonian Call" comes to him from many directions and isolated places. How long must they wait?

Nothing could be more wonderful at this time than to be able to supply this faithful servant with a used jeep or a sturdy pick-up truck, which would enable him to penetrate remote areas where the roads are rough and the grades are steep.

There is also a need for Chapel Sponsors in Guatemala. At the present writing only two of the organized congregations are fortunate enough to have friends who are sharing regularly in their monthly support.

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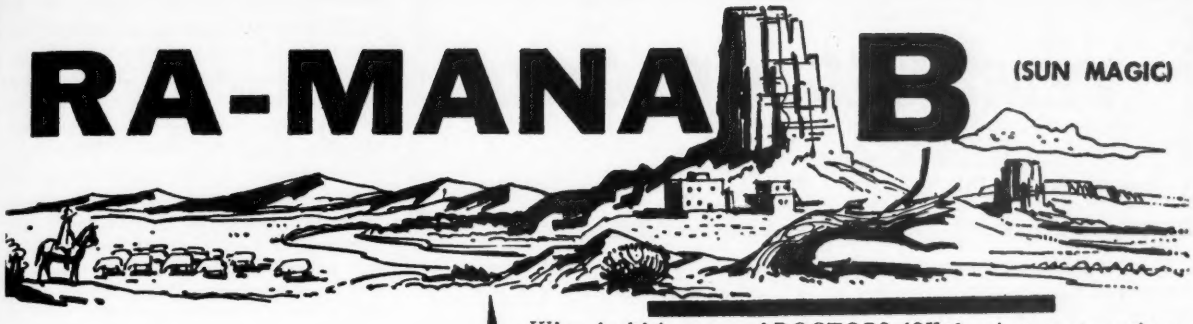

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Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? (I Corinthians 3:16)

WE LIVE in a world of wonder, wonders and wondering. Said James Gates Percival:

> **The world is full of poetry — the air**
> **Is living with its spirit; and the waves**
> **Dance to the music of its melody.**

And Shakespeare exclaimed:

> **O wonderful, wonderful, and most**
> **Wonderful, wonderful.**

Thus we feel when we think of the marvels, the wonders, of this universe and the marvels of the animal kingdom, the mineral kingdom, the vegetable kingdom, the bird world, and the astronomical realms.

Think of the marvels of the mechanical world that almost awake in us a primeval faith in magic, marvels which annihilate distance, make ice in the tropics, grow oranges in the snow, make a messenger boy out of the lightning, marvels which make art to rejoice and science to exult.

Think of the jet planes which mount up with such speed as to be almost as fast as the lightning that flashes out of the far west into the distant east.

Think of the great reapers, "careening like yachts through seas of waving wheat," that have taken the place of the old scythe which the Egyptians used on the banks of the Nile or the Babylonians in the Euphrates valley.

Think of the scientific marvel of compressing a Caruso into the microscopic point of a needle and imprisoning Sousa's brass band in a wax disc.

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Think of the marvel in "the bird world" — such as the humming bird making two hundred strokes a second, as man found out by matching the bird's hum with a note on a violin.

What a clever flier the humming bird is, with ability to rise straight up in perpendicular speed in the air, to hover motionless before a flower, and to fly backwards as well as forwards.

Think of the marvel, too, of the homing pigeon, which nurses in its strange little breast, for years, that directing sense of its way home, makes flight, as did Nansen's pigeon, over thousands of unmarked miles across an ocean and mountain wilderness, flies an unseen line and comes at last to the one window ledge in all the world where it was looked for.

Think of the marvels of the bee with wings which in flight beat 11,400 times a minute, which move in a figure-of-eight design, and which thus make flight in any direction possible — up, down, side to side, backward and forward.

Think of the marvel of honey making when we know that it takes about 37-thousand loads of nectar to make one pound of honey and that the bees from one hive (say about 45-thousand) will visit more than 250-thousand blossoms in one day to gather this amount, making a flight mileage of at least 50-thousand miles.

Instinct

Think of the marvels of instinct, or that sense of direction, or whatever you may term it, of the dog. This is shown by what W. H. Gambrell wrote to the *Boston Post* from Cambridge, Massachusetts, about his dog, Vixen. Here it is:

"About two months ago when I came from my home in Greenville, South Carolina, to Cambridge, I brought with me a very highly prized St. Bernard dog named Vixen, as I was very fond of him.

"I exercised great care that he should not get loose until he had become familiar with his new surroundings; but one bright morning some ten days after arriving here with him, I decided to let him have a sun bath by tying him in front of the house while I went to the post office for the mail.

"When I returned to the house thirty minutes later, to my great surprise, I found that Vixen had gnawed the leash in two and departed. I advertised for him in the papers, offering a liberal reward for his recovery, but all to no avail.

"Yesterday I received a letter from home stating that Vixen had just arrived there in apparently good health. How a dog could find his way from here to Greenville, South Carolina is more than I can understand."

Think of the astronomical wonders.

> **The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.**
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> **Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.**
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> **His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof. (Psalm 19:1-6)**

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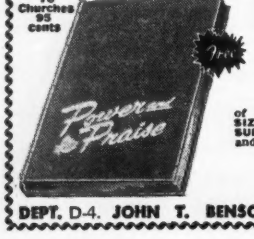

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Wonderful the body's running gear — the muscles — with its system of coordinate contractions among different groups of muscles.

Wonderful the breather system of the human machine, starting at the nose, with the thermostatic control — the lungs and skin. Throughout every portion of the skin are found millions of tiny glands.

A most marvelous fact about the human body is that its life is not a single thing.

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Can you imagine any human architect sitting down at a desk and making declaration that he can plan a human body?

Is it not true, as one has stated, that the most eminent group of anatomists and physiologists and scientists from every realm could not, though they united their mentalities, though they labored one thousand years, conceive or devise the thousands of contrivances which confront us whenever and wherever we touch the human body?

Are not the leading scientists baffled and profoundly conscious of the impenetrable mystery which encircles them as they study the human body?

Is the efficiency of any modern machine about which engineers talk as great as the efficiency of man's body when it functions in health and strength?

Is any pump as perfect as the human heart which, when properly cared for, stays on the job, though sometimes over-worked, though sometimes poisoned, though sometimes overloaded, though sometimes thrown into high speed without going through the low gears, though abused in so many ways?

Is it not wonderful the way it stays on the job, miraculously efficient in spite of the punishment it takes, making 4,320 strokes and pumping 15 gallons of blood an hour?

In one year the heart beats 40-million times, with no rest except between contractions. In the heart are 100-thousand miles of blood vessels — a vast system through which the blood flows regularly.

Is any telegraphic mechanism equal to our nervous system? Is any radio so wonderful and so efficient as the voice and the ear? Is any camera as perfect as the human eye? Is any ventilating plant as wonderful as the nose, lungs and skin?

The answer is *no.* Can any electrical switchboard compare with the brain? Is any cable as worthy of wonder as the spinal cord?

Is not such a marvelous mechanism worthy of the highest respect and the best care? Yes! Is not the temple of the body to be kept clean? Yes!

All of which brings us to say that God made the human body — and it is his masterpiece. (I Corinthians 12:-14-26)

God's masterpiece—the human body — is the most exquisite and wonderful organization that has come from the divine hand.

Mastering The Body

Now think of the mastery of this body. This mastery God urges (Romans 6:12-14). This mastery Paul urged by word and by example (I Corinthians 9:27). This mastery is necessary because of the deadly doing of sin in the body.

The destruction of sin is extensive. Sin abuses the body and makes that which should be the temple of the Holy Ghost, the temple which the devil uses.

As the traders in the Temple at Jerusalem made God's house "a den of thieves," so sin makes the human body a den where iniquities find dwelling place and iniquities issue.

As sin would pull God out of His throne, abusing His authority, His justice, His power, His wisdom, His patience, His mercy, His holiness, His promises, so sin would abuse all the powers and defile all the precincts of the human body.

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der in this matter of his effort to devour the strength and mar the usefulness of the human body in which man should glorify God.

A man comes first to walk in the counsel of the ungodly, then he stands in the way of sinners, and lastly sits in the seat of the scornful. Satan leads up the steps of his ladder.

After temptation is offered, then comes approbation in the understanding. After that, consent in the will. After that comes practice in the affection. After that, custom in the repeated act.

After that, delight in the sinful way. After that comes the defense of it, with all the rhetoric hell can invent. After that comes boldness in sinning.

And last of all comes scorning and a drawing of "iniquity with cords of vanity" (Isaiah 5:8), boasting in wickedness and glorying in shame.

Satan

Satan acts like a creeping dragon and then like a flying serpent. His first request seems mannerly and modest, as Semiramis desired of Ninus to reign but one day, and that day to do what she pleased — and in that day she cut off his head. That is sin!

Sin deceives man till man is hardened through its deceitfulness. It appears at first but little in the fountain, in the heart and thought.

Then it bubbles into a stream of evil words; then it increases into a river of evil actions. Next it swells into a torrent and overflows till it drowns men in perdition. Thus it gradually destroys them.

Satan would have us forget these words:

> **Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. (I Corinthians 6:13)**

Satan would have our ears be deaf to the words:

> **Ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body. (I Corinthians 6:20)**

Mrs. Wilcox describes the deadly and dastardly doings of sin in the body in her poem which she calls "The Squanderer:"

> **God gave him passions splendid as the sun**
> **Meant for the lordliest purposes — a part**
> **Of Nature's full and fertile mother's heart,**
> **From which new systems and new worlds are spun.**
>
> **And now behold! Behold what he has done!**
> **In Folly's court and Carnal Pleasure's mart**
> **He flung the wealth God gave him at the start.**
> **At dawn he stood potential, opulent,**
>
> **With virile manhood and emotions keen.**
> **At noon he stands — all Love's large fortune spent**
> **In petty traffic, unproductive, mean —**
> **A pauper cursed with impotent desire!**

Stephen Phillips wrote:

> **Who stabs at this my heart, stabs at a kingdom;**
> **These veins are rivers, and these arteries**
> **Are very roads; this body is your country.**

But Carlyle showed how sin can stab and ruin the kingdom of the body when he wrote:

> **Seated within this body's car,**
> **The silent self is driven far,**
> **And the five senses at the poles,**
> **Like steeds are tugging restive of control.**
>
> **And if the driver lose his way**
> **Or the reins break, who can say**
> **Into what blind paths, what pits of fear**
> **Will plunge the chargers in their mad career?**

Glorifying God

The consoling fact that we can glorify God in the body urges us that we should not let sin reign in our mortal bodies. Our bodies are but dust, but they can bring praise to Him who created the human body and set the members in place as it pleased Him.

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And by presenting our bodies to God "as those who are alive from the dead" and the members of our bodies as instruments of righteousness unto God by always bearing in the body the death of Jesus and manifesting the life of Jesus, we shall be saved from reaping to the flesh. (Galatians 5:19-21)

And the truth is that "he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption" (Galatians 6:8). Now, remember that the body is not for fornication but for the Master.

Death

Let us not forget that the body is mortal. "Your mortal body," God says. And, if Jesus tarry in His coming, the body shall wrestle with death.

Death will close the mortal eyes so that they shall see no more. Death will deaden the ears so that they can hear never a voice or sound. Death will stop the feet so that never a step will they take again.

Death will fold the hands so that no task they can do — with pen or tool or touch. Death will silence the tongue so that no word will be spoken. Death will still the heart so that neither hate nor love shall abide there.

"It is appointed unto man once to die." "Your mortal body!"

What David once said to Jonathan we can say to others — some younger and some older than are we: "Truly as the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death." (I Samuel 20:3)

How grim a fact is death! The blackest shadow that ever wrapped this earth in darkness, it seems to blot out the lamps of life, of love, of hope, leaving people in ashes and grief, even in despair.

Death, the one sanctity all men respect, the one gesture that melts the hardest, the one awe that appals the most impious, the one great democrat, the one mocker at our aristocracies and high mightiness, the one commander whose words all obey, the one stroke of common sense that annihilates all our follies — death is also the one preacher of righteousness and truth and justice that gets the ears of all.

That step between us and death all must take — if Jesus tarry. The athlete must. The cripple must. The strong, the weak, the sick must.

The rich must. The poor must. The black man must. The white man must! The scholar must. The ignoramus must. The king must. The beggar must. The millionaire must. The maiden must. All folks must.

Settle us in the finest spot under the fairest skies, beside the clearest streams, watching the choicest flowers, listening to the sweetest songs, yet even there that step would be before us and death finds us.

We can not escape taking it. We can not refuse to take it. We can not ask to be let off. We must follow in the train of all who have gone before us. "Death has passed upon all men." It is the one event that happeneth to all.

Remember that your body is a mortal body. Do not take the step between you and death without God. Do not take that step alone; alone without the Christ who can brighten or dispel every shadow; alone without Him who knows the way out of every difficulty; alone without Him who gave His body on the Cross for our sins, who lay in our grave and came forth that we might sit on His throne.

Dedicated Bodies

Let not sin reign in your body — lest you utter some remorseful wail akin to that uttered by Edward in King Lear.

Yield your body to God. (Romans 12:1) And yield that body, so fearfully and wonderfully made, now. Be done with excuses. Be done with alibis.

Remember that Jesus looked upon His body as a temple. (John 2:19-21) Remember that the bodies of Christians are the "members of Christ" (I Corinthians 6:15) — and are the body of Christ. (I Corinthians 12:27)

Give ears keenly sensitized and wills obedient to the words of Paul who, by the Holy Spirit wrote Philippians 1:20 and I Corinthians 6:19-20.

Say with David: "I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well." (Psalm 139:14)

See to it that you are always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus so that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in your body. (II Corinthians 4:10)

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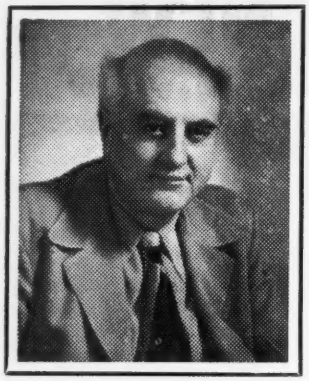

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FATHER ABRAHAM is getting old. He has lived a busy life. Woven into one gigantic life, Abraham has experienced joy, sorrow and tragedy.

Much of his life has been turbulent. His ship has hit the rocks many times. But now, as the shadows are growing long, and as the sun is setting behind the western hills, his life is as still, calm and placid as an inland lake.

And yet his heart is to be torn once more.

Sarah, Abraham's beautiful companion, lived to the ripe old age of 127 years. She had been Abraham's faithful partner for about 75 years.

He stood by the simple little grave where her body had been taken for its final resting place, and we read that he wept.

Abraham had been through many hard places, but this is the first time, in the story of his whole life, that we read of him breaking down completely. It was a heartbreaking loneliness that came creeping over him, as he stood there, the tears pouring down a face, which had been furrowed with deep, drawn lines of toil.

His eyes were tender, and through his tears you could see a far-away look resting in them; but the muscular features of his face had become a little hardened by the blasting storms of life.

Sarah

Sarah had been the only link to his home and childhood days. And now the link was broken. She alone could sympathize with him when he talked of the old homestead, back in Ur of the Chaldees, from whence they had departed in the springtime of married life. And now that lovely voice was silenced, never to be heard again.

As he knelt by her graveside, what a tide of memories must have rushed over him; he looked back, and thought of their common plans, and hopes, and fears, and problems, and joys, and sorrows.

He remembered her as the bright, gay, young wife; he remembered her as the fellow-pilgrim; as the loving mother of Isaac; and every memory brought a fresh deluge of tears.

This was not a mere, morbid sentimentality with Abraham. We have heard of tearless lives. We wonder if a tender heart can really go through life with a tearless face.

A frigid heart sheds no tears. We question if a man who cannot weep can truly love. We are reminded that Jesus wept.

Here is Abraham, a man, every inch a great big magnificent, sturdy man — weeping ... his heart a fountain of tears.

By this time Abraham was coming to realize that his days were also rapidly nearing a close. He calmly prepared for the event of his departure and proceeded to set his house in order after the death of Sarah.

He wanted no unfinished business left for others to worry about. He knew that he could not live long. He is now in the twilight of his years. Sarah's death reminded him that his own departure was not far away.

Naturally his thoughts went to his precious son, Isaac. Abraham thought of Isaac's future and the promise that the Redeemer of the world would be a seed of Abraham, on his human side.

Abraham knew that his responsibility was heavy, and he shouldered his task like a man. He knew that he and his son Isaac were to influence the lives of millions. For these reasons, he sought to know the mind of God.

Eliezer

Abraham called Eliezer, his chief servant, into his tent and compelled him to take a solemn oath.

Abraham reminded Eliezer that they were living in a strange land — the land of the Canaanites. These Canaanites were no doubt descendants of Noah's son Ham, whose ancestors had been slaves under Nimrod, who had tried to build the Tower of Babel, and had established the city of Babylon.

These people were not in the ocean current of humanity from which the Redeemer of the world was to come, and for this reason, under no circumstances should his son Isaac marry a Canaanitish woman.

The ocean of life was flowing through the teeming millions of earth, but in that ocean there was one particular stream, the gulf stream, which had flowed by way of Noah and out through Noah's particular son Shem.

This was the bloodline and Abraham wanted his son Isaac to marry in that line, which was running from Eden, by the way of Seth, Enoch, Noah, Shem and Abraham, and finally to the manger.

Father Abraham was looking forward to the coming of the virgin-born Redeemer of the world, and he knew that the devil was busy trying to destroy this sacred avenue.

Abraham was a descendant of Shem, and he made his chief servant, Eliezer, take a sacred oath that he would faithfully find a bride for Isaac who would also be a descendant of Shem. The bloodline must be protected.

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There is no more beautiful story in the Bible than this story of Eliezer, Abraham's chief servant, going into a far country to win a bride for Isaac.

It was a great caravan that the chief servant took with him when he departed from Abraham. With him he took also many costly gifts for the bride of his master's son, which he was seeking.

Here is an exercise of faith on the part of Eliezer. He was so certain he would find the bride that he went bearing gifts. That's faith.

The Holy Spirit

The typology of the Old Testament is tremendous. You do not understand the Old Testament unless you understand its types. The New Testament is in the Old concealed; the Old is in the New revealed.

In the story of Eliezer going into a far country to seek a bride for Isaac we have a picture of the Holy Spirit sent out into the world to seek out a bride for Christ — the Church.

An ambassador is one who goes into a foreign country; Eliezer went into a foreign country.

The Holy Spirit, God's Ambassador to this dispensation, journeyed into a foreign country, arriving on the day of Pentecost, and ever since that time He has been God's official Representative on earth, transacting eternal business. Eliezer is a type of the Holy Spirit.

It is mighty interesting to see how these specially chosen Old Testament characters went stumbling along in the dark, walking by faith, fulfilling types, being guided in strange ways, working out divine plans.

It is like playing a game of "Blind Man's Bluff." These Old Testament people are mighty characters — always sincere — striving to find the path of divine light in which they should walk.

Often we see them in the dark. Sometimes they fell; they made many mistakes, but after all is said and done, we see that God worked out His purposes through them, even if His human instruments were sometimes frail and often weak.

Abraham was now advanced in years. Isaac his son was forty years old, and the old man longed to see him suitably married; and though his faith never

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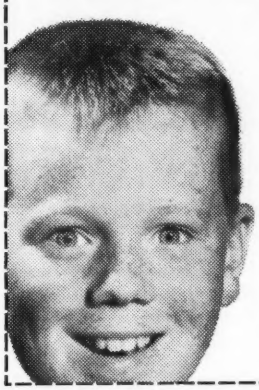

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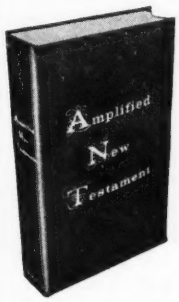

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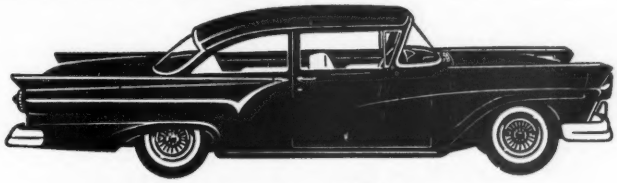

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doubted that God would fulfil his promise of the seed, yet he was desirous of clasping in his aged arms the second link between him and his posterity.

Rebekah

A beautiful, pure young girl, a descendant of Shem, the daughter of a sheik, came with other women to draw water at the village well of a town called Haran, about nightfall. She was astonished to see a stately caravan pull to a halt near the well.

The camels, loaded richly with gorgeous array and valuable presents, were compelled to kneel, while Eliezer drew nigh to speak to the young damsel to whom his attention had been first called.

Something fluttered in his heart and an inner voice seemed to say "That's her."

Eliezer approached the beautiful girl and soon learned that her name was Rebekah. As he made his mission known her face lit up with joy and her heart began to dance.

Eliezer, his servants, and his ten camels were welcomed into the home of Rebekah's father, but they stayed only a short time. Faithful Eliezer remembered that Abraham, his master, now 140 years old, was waiting anxiously for his return.

Rebekah's righteous father was immediately reconciled to the departure of his daughter, but it was not so easy for her brothers and her mother.

Her father had doubtless heard of the great and powerful Abraham, whose son his daughter was to marry. He knew that Eliezer was telling the truth. He never so much as questioned his word.

Then too, here were all those presents — these costly, pretty things ... and just look at beautiful, girlish Rebekah, her beautiful form wrapped in those pretty new garments; rings and jewels on her artistic neck and slender fingers.

Her beautifully chiseled mouth, and nose; her warm lips, and tender heart; her whole countenance glowing with the music of her sweet soul and winsome personality. O, the sweet romance of it all!

She could almost imagine what her lover-husband was going to be like. He had been so good and generous in helping his father arrange all of these pretty gifts for her.

She felt so favored, so blessed, so rich. Yes, she must go to him at once; it is the call of soul for soul; like the call of a bird for its mate.

Bethuel

Moreover, there is cause to believe that Rebekah's father was a God-taught man. He was capable of understanding God's leading; he could discern spiritual things. He knew that all of this was God's strange and mysterious leading. He was willing to have his daughter go.

When Rebekah's mother and brother entreated her to remain for a few days, she announced that she wanted to get started at once. Of course there is always the feeling that there is a possibility that loved ones will meet again — so they sent her away.

Early next day the caravan pulled out of sight and disappeared in the pale, blue distance. Rebekah was on her way to become the bride of the great and powerful Isaac.

Rebekah's heart was dancing. Isaac — he must be wonderful! She could almost imagine what he looked like!

She had a deep, rich soul assurance that she would always be loved and safe under the arm of his protective care. Only one bad thing about all this. "These old, pokey camels; they go so slow; why won't they hurry? Can't they understand this is a wedding trip?"

Rebekah was happy, unspeakably happy — but not so with Isaac. While Rebekah rejoiced, Isaac wept.

As the caravan neared Abraham's home, Isaac was seen, sitting in the field. Doubtless his face was buried in his hands. His mother, Sarah, had just been laid to rest. He was weeping because of the loss of his mother.

We read that Rebekah leaped from her camel and hurried across the field to Isaac. He took her in his arms and we read that "Isaac was comforted after his mother's death."

Abraham lived to be 175 years old. He was born only two years after the death of Noah. He was 150 years old when Shem died. Both Isaac and Ishmael assisted in the burial of their illustrious father.

Abraham's name is honored as few names are honored. This is true to the promise God made him that his name should be called great.

Ancient Israelites of great piety looked forward to reposing, after death, in "Abraham's bosom" — as they called their place of excarnate abode.

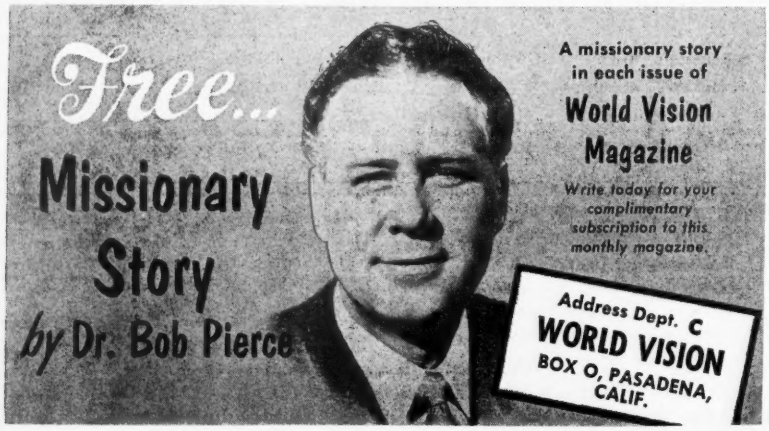
Devout Mohammedans reverence his name as being only second to their prophet, because he was the father of Ishmael, from whom, they say, their Mohammed descended.

And, of course, everyone knows that Jews everywhere bless his name and call him "Father." All Christians love him because Jesus, on His human side, was a descendant of Abraham.

His widespread renown is not due to the fact that he headed one of the greatest movements of history; nor is it because of his great vigor of intellect.

His name is honored and blessed rather because of the nobility and grandeur of his religious life. It was his strength of character that impressed history so firmly; it was the fact that God called him, and he answered.

(Next month be sure to read Dr. Winrod's Bible Study on the two brothers, Esau and Jacob ... the one superior in intellect, yet filled with guile; the other a sensual creature, slave to his lower nature.)



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A Grand Old Warrior Asks . . .

DO WE HATE EACH OTHER?

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Editor's Note: Webster's dictionary defines hatred as "a strong aversion or detestation coupled with ill will; animosity, malevolence, rancor, abhorrence, repugnance."

In this editorial Doctor Shuler points out to those who profess to be Christians a very important fact . . . the necessity of hating sin; the need of loving the sinner.

Many well-meaning Christians have allowed a normal aversion for a sinful act to diffuse and eventually include abhorrence, not only for the deed itself, but for the one involved. In so doing, the Christian himself is guilty of wrong doing.

A VERY PROMINENT minister in Los Angeles recently said that he could not be a fundamentalist because of their hatred for the modernists . . . and he could not in turn be a modernist because of their hatred of the fundamentalists.

Sometimes I wonder if these love specialists really know what love and hate are. Certainly, it is not hate to stoutly oppose what a man conscientiously believes are false ideals and doctrines.

If so, Paul hated Peter, for he says, "When Peter came to Antioch, I withstood him to the face."

At the same time, Paul in his letter to the Galatians, tells us that he also found James and Barnabas, sacrificing their convictions because it paid them politically to go along with the majority.

He gave us to understand that he didn't like it in the least. But certainly, he did not hate Peter or James or Barnabas.

A man can have strong convictions and defend what he believes is the truth, without in the least hating anybody. I do not hold myself up as an example, but I am reported to stand as vigorously for what I believe and against what I feel I must oppose as any man in these parts.

But I can, with true sincerity, say that if there is any man in my acquaintance whom I hate, I can not name him.

There are many whose actions I detest. I can not love what some about me stand for. I try to follow in the footsteps of the Master in my feelings toward false prophets, evildoers and the workers of iniquity everywhere.

Christ with great feeling referred to some as whited sepulchres, wolves in sheep's clothing, false prophets, serpents and a generation of vipers, hypocrites.

He said of them: "How can ye escape the damnation of hell?" But he did not hate them. He died for them.

Hypocrisy

In fact, there is a great deal of hypocrisy in too much pious love for everything and everybody.

I have learned long ago that overemphasis on love is sometimes pretense. It is often a camouflage. It is mouthed oftentimes as a defense when inside the heart there is deep and abiding bitterness.

A genuine Christian, honest and sincere, should hate not only every evil thing but the evil in men that causes them to do evil.

Nor should he be so cowardly and un-Christlike as to profess to love the wrong that even now threatens to wreck humanity.

Fourteen times in the Old Testament, God comes out without apology and says, "I hate." He did not hate sinners. He gave His Son to die for their redemption. "God so loved the world."

And yet in great wrath He hated evil of every character and still does. He burned cities with fire, destroyed mankind with a flood, sent plagues and disasters. In fact, He accepts responsibility in His Word for destroying entire armies.

In all of this, you will find that it was the hard-hearted, rebellious, evil wrongdoing of man that He hated and not the man himself. The difference may be difficult to discover, but it is real.

As an illustration, when I in other years walked from Trinity Methodist Church to my bank, I traveled for a block on Pico, where three liquor dives carried on. I could see by glancing in that they were most disreputable places.

I passed men and women on the street who had been wrecked and ruined by drinking the stuff.

I never saw the day when I would not have gone out in the rain at mid-

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night and prayed for one of those liquor dealers. But I hated what they were doing.

I hated the greed that made a man willing to blight the character and ruin a fellow being for profits. Much as I loved the saloonkeeper's soul, I would have gladly put him out of business, even if he starved.

David said in the 139th Psalm, "I hate them with perfect hatred." That's my attitude toward evil.

The Evil Heart

Nor can evil be separated from those who deliberately do evil. Evil is not atmospheric. It is not something that floats about.

It generates in the human heart, is controlled by the will, becomes a part of personality and is a page in every human personality, on which is recorded the assets and debits of his life. To fail to hate the red on that ledger is to fail to follow the Master.

I can not agree that fundamentalists hate modernists and modernists hate fundamentalists simply because of their difference in reasoning or failure to agree.

Many fundamentalists believe, with justification, that if modernism prevailed, the gospel message would be destroyed.

They think that modernistic teaching would blot out the Deity of Jesus, the Blood Atonement, the doctrine of the bodily resurrection and other fundamental doctrines, including the inspiration of the Bible itself.

They therefore soundly hate modernism, which does not mean that they would not gladly kneel at any altar and earnestly pray for the salvation of any penitent modernist.

They can and should hate modernism while they pray with love for the souls of all modernists.

On the other hand, modernists believe that fundamentalists are seeking to block a social kingdom of God on earth, correct attitudes economically, solutions in contests of labor and management, in racial relations, etc.

They therefore hate the narrowness (as they describe it), the so-called bigotry, the dogmatic doctrinal positions taken by their fundamental brethren. It does not necessarily follow at all that they hate the fundamentalist himself.

For many years my Bishop was a known modernist. He was what is called a Liberal in theology and politics. I was the opposite. But I never felt that Bishop Baker hated me. He was always kind and courteous. I know I did not hate him.

We were as far apart as the poles in our thinking. But I believe he would have risked his life, if needs be, to have pulled me out of the river and I know that, had I seen his boat overturned and him fighting the water for his life, I would have shed my coat, kicked off my shoes and gone after him with all I had. I don't call that hating each other.

After we got out and dried off, we would no doubt have been just as positively on the opposite sides.

My present Bishop and I are in very much the same attitude toward each other.

Methodist Liberals

I suppose three-fourths of my brethren in the Southern California-Arizona Annual Conference are liberal or modernistic (though the terms have come to have a different meaning), I am certainly a fundamentalist in the true meaning of the word.

But I love my brethren, some a little better than others, and I think they love me. I doubt if a dozen members of this Conference actually hate me and they, in my opinion, do not know me very well. I don't believe the minister to whom I referred hates me.

I wonder if this prominent minister, referred to in the opening of this editorial, did not use the word "hate" without too much thought. Perhaps unconsciously the word slipped in by way of self defense.

It is certain that a true Christian should hate what God hates, what Christ hates, what every good man hates, because it is bad, sinful, evil, wrong.

It is also equally true that Christians should love each other sincerely. Moreover, fundamentalists and modernists or liberals should try very hard not to have the bitterness of hate in their hearts for each other personally.

I know a minister who says that he can love them all because he has gotten in the middle (on the fence is another way to put it) and is neither a fundamentalist nor a liberal.

He should read the fifteenth verse of the third chapter of Revelation. It is not an easy undertaking — this thing of being on both sides and neither side of any question.

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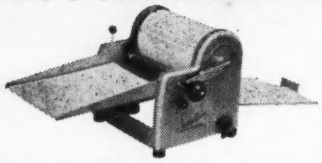

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CHRISTIANITY

Is It One Of The World's Great Religions?

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THE EXISTENCE OF GOD seems to be quite generally accepted among the peoples of the earth, even by the atheist who said "I am an atheist, thank God."

But there also seems to be a widespread belief that the freedom we have in this country to select the religion of our own choice carries with it the inference that there are many authentic, valid religions acceptable to God. Coupled with this inference is the idea of tolerance, which often deteriorates into compromise.

There is also much uncertainty as to what really constitutes Christianity.

It may be proclaimed by various church denominations but it is not confined to any one particular denomination. In other words, no one can say truthfully, "Our denomination, or church, is the only true Christianity to the exclusion of all others."

But it can be determined what constitutes Christianity, without the least uncertainty or doubt in the mind of anyone who is willing to recognize the truth when seen or heard.

Christianity consists of the doctrines and principles revealed by Jesus the Christ, to enable mankind to return to their original relationship and again become members of the family of God and His church.

His church consists exclusively of those who have repented of their sins, and of being sinners, and who believe that Jesus is the Christ, thereby being born again as Jesus said all must be who enter into the kingdom of heaven. (I John 5:1)

It does not consist of a code of conduct and is not obtained because of good deeds but is based entirely on the atoning power of the shed blood of Jesus. Christians do good deeds because they have been reborn. But no one is reborn because he does good deeds. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Free Moral Agents

Christianity not only acknowledges and proclaims man to be a free moral agent with the power and capacity to choose, but it upholds his freedom of choice to the extent that real Christians have never tried to force anyone to become a Christian against his own free will.

It is true that organizations calling themselves Christian have at times attempted to force people to accept some particular form of religion, which was claimed to be Christian and the only correct or valid Christianity.

But the very principles of Christianity as set forth in the Bible, rule out the use of force in obtaining converts. There will be no unwilling people in heaven.

It is one thing to concede that a person has a right to seek God, or to worship God in his own way, or not to worship at all if he so desires, but it is another thing to condone wrong ways and agree that one way is just as good as another (if one is sincere in his belief) to be considered and accepted or rejected according to one's own judgment or preference, when the Bible says only one way is right.

Here in America, a nation founded by men who sought religious freedom along with other freedoms, we have enjoyed this freedom from forcible interference with our religious beliefs and practices for so long a time, that it has become commonplace and the fact that Christianity is responsible for our having this freedom has been obscured by the loud cries for tolerance of other religions, all assumed to be equally valid, effective, authentic and acceptable to God, by those who do not know or do not realize that Christianity is not one of the world's great religions.

The world has many religions. Many people say, "I have a religion of my own."

But Christianity is the one final, complete, ultimate, valid, effective, authentic religion given by God Himself, that supersedes all previous valid, acceptable religions, and reveals that all other religions are of the world, and are obsolete, futile and useless to anyone who desires to actually know God and enter into relationship with Him.

It is the one final, complete answer to the religious cravings of human beings that humbles, but does not debase or degrade, that enlightens but does not puff up, that generates self respect but not false pride or conceit, that solves all problems, meets all needs, and is available to all who will meet the conditions, and has conditions that all can meet.

What About Non-Christians?

Of course many will object to these statements. Among other things they will say that this could not be because there are so many people on the earth who are not Christians, but who seek to worship God or contact Him by some other way.

They will reason that so many people cannot be wrong, so there must be some other valid way for them.

But both history and the Bible demonstrate that this is not true. Noah and his family were right and the entire population other than them were proved to be wrong.

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Yet Christianity is an exclusive religion — the only one of its kind. Not of the world, but of God, and still it excludes no one except those who willfully exclude themselves by refusing or neglecting to use the one available way God has provided, whereby they can become members of His family and joint-heirs with Jesus the Christ, the only begotten Son of God.

The Fatherhood Of God

We often read statements that God is the Father of us all, and that we are brothers of all humanity. This is contrary to the Bible and to genealogical facts.

God is not the Father of all mankind. He created man with the power to reproduce. We are the children of our fathers, but can only become children of God or sons of God by being born or adopted into His family as described in the third chapter of John's Gospel.

God created animals also with the power to bring forth after their kind, but no one as yet has claimed that, because God created animals, they are children of God.

We also read in various magazines or other printed matter wherein reference is made to the "three great faiths," or the great religions of the world, as though all were equally acceptable, valid, authentic and effective, whereas actually Christianity alone acknowledges and is founded on the fact that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God whose blood was shed to atone for our sins, who rose from the dead on the third day and who later ascended into heaven from whence he shall so come again in like manner, first to take His church of the born again Christians, both dead and living, out of this world, and then to restore the earth to its original fertility and peacefulness for a thousand years, during which He will reign and rule over the earth.

Christianity differs from the religions of the world because Christ said, "Upon this rock will I build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

What was that rock? The rock was the statement made by Peter when Jesus asked him, "and whom do you say that I am?" and Peter answered, "thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Those who contend that Christianity cannot be the sole, exclusive, acceptable, valid, authentic, effective religion because there are so many human beings who are not Christians, should refer again to the situation in Noah's time when all who had ignored or refused to heed the warnings were destroyed.

They did not need to be destroyed, any more than those who in these latter times refuse or neglect to accept the provision God has made for them to avoid destruction.

So let no man deceive himself by thinking Jesus did not mean it when He said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

Make no mistake about this important matter. No alibi will be accepted, no excuse will be allowed. But beware of any church organization that claims to be the one true church founded by the Lord Jesus.

II Timothy 2:15

Study the Bible to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth so that you will know the truth wherever it is proclaimed, and the truth will set you free from false doctrines.

Many churches proclaim the true gospel. But all those who rely on any of the world's religions will be lost when the time comes for the return of Jesus the Christ.

Only those who have met the simple conditions and become Christians in fact will be recognized as members of the family of God. There is just one unmistakable way, open to all who will, of their own free will, walk in it.

We do not know the day nor the hour when the Christ will return, but we do know it will occur exactly as specified when the time comes for the final culmination of Bible prophecy.

Now is the time to prepare for His coming!

An ex-Communist Reports On

THE BEAR THAT WALKS LIKE A MAN

Rev. Kenneth Goff — **Englewood, Colorado**

Editor's Note: Mr. Goff, the author of this enlightening article, was formerly a leader in the Communist Party. He was assigned by Stalin's agents in the United States to work among young people and help bring about a bloody Red revolution.

As a member of this group, he plotted the death of various public officials and Christian leaders, working with subversives from New York to Hollywood. While a Communist he was invited, with a group of other notorious Reds, to be a guest of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt's at the White House.

Since his conversion to Christianity he has bent all his efforts at warning America of the true potential danger of the Communist cause ... and has endeavored to arouse the people from their apathy.

The accompanying article, prepared at the time of Mikoyan's recent visit to the United States, may prove startling to some readers. But bear in mind, it is written by an expert, one who was trained by the Communists, and who knows and understands their propaganda moves and strategies.

Mr. Goff is one of the best living authorities on the subject of the Communist Party in America and has served as an expert witness before various Congressional Committees, from time to time.

THE SKIES OF THE WORLD are darkening and are heavily laden with signs of a coming blizzard. Seemingly, every nation, except America, is beating their plowshares into swords and preparing themselves for the great battle of God Almighty.

In many of the nations of Europe and Asia, the storm has already hit, and has left one-third of the earth bogged down in a floodtide of Communism.

"... the storm has already hit, and has left one-third of the earth bogged down in a floodtide of Communism."

Those nearby know that their day is near at hand.

The Swiss people are sealing grain in waterproof tanks and burying it in the bottom of mountain lakes against the time of trouble.

The Scandinavians are digging caverns in the mountains near their shores, large enough for their greatest ships. Two and three-deck cities, accommodating thousands, scientifically ventilated and electrically lighted, are hidden beneath the surface of the earth, prepared for the hour of emergency.

In many other countries, similar preparations are going on and precautions are being taken that their security measures will not be ferreted out by the Soviet spies.

Mikoyan

Yet here in America a strange thing is happening. A bear, who walks like a man, is being wined and dined by political officials, labor leaders, millionaires and movie stars.

True it is that, on every stop, he is also met by jeering crowds carrying picket signs, and they are the only ones who really seemingly see underneath the mask of this smiling Jekyll and Hyde.

But they have known him in the days when their fathers and mothers and brothers and sisters were massacred at his instruction.

Mikoyan was just as guilty as Stalin and Lenin and Khrushchev for the massacre of the Free Armenian Republic, the Ukranian massacre of 1932 and 1933, and the Hungarian massacre of 1956.

Had our leaders read the Bible, they might have seen a similar parallel in the visit of this high Soviet official, with that of the reign of King Hezekiah; for you remember the rulers of Babylon said: "We have heard of your great wealth and your marvelous inventions, and we come seeking peace. We come to visit the archives of your nation that we may understand each other better."

But out of that visit the Babylonian spies gained much information that helped them with the invasion and captivity of Hezekiah's land a short time later.

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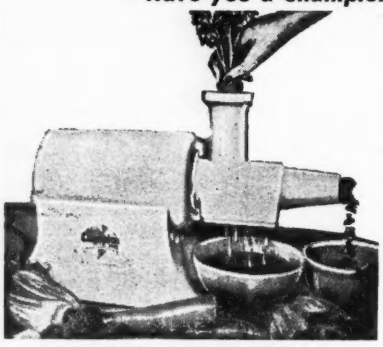

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which were set forth by Manuilsky, in which he said:

"War to the hilt between Communism and Capitalism is inevitable. Today, of course, we are not strong enough to attack.

"Our time will come. To win we shall need the element of surprise. The bourgeoisie will have to be put to sleep. So we shall begin by launching the most spectacular peace movement on record.

"There will be electrifying overtures and unheard of concessions. The capitalistic countries, stupid and decadent, will rejoice to cooperate in their own destruction.

"They will leap at another chance to be friends. As soon as their guard is down, we shall smash them with our clenched fist."

Manuilsky is no small figure in the Communist world. In 1949 he served as presiding officer in the United Nations Security Council.

His ominous words should be kept in mind by those who have the welfare of our nation at stake, and also the nitwits who are so rapturously entertaining the mass murderer Mikoyan on his American tour.

A New Line

This new move of friendship on the part of Soviet Russia is of great importance to the future destiny, not only of America, but to the entire Christian civilization.

Soviet Russia and the Communist leaders have not changed their ideas concerning the conquest of the world or the liquidation of Christian civilization. Conditions prevailing now in Russia have caused them, for this period, to follow a new and subtle line.

The Communist world is on wobbly legs at the present time, and they are using the dove of peace to lull us to sleep so as to gain time in this struggle for world power.

Throughout their lands, both in Red China and the other nations of the Soviet orbit, the flames of revolution are about to burst forth, but once again, as in the past, the people are being pacified into believing that their leaders are going to get them more bread, and that friendship with the United States means war is a long way off.

But once those who are championing the revolt are purged, Khrushchev and his mass murderers will proceed with rapidity toward their final goal — world revolution and a Red international dictatorship.

It is amazing to see how far we let down the doors to security to this, the greatest of all spies.

State Department Press Officer Lincoln White said that Deputy Premier Mikoyan can visit the restricted areas in the United States. He said these areas are those in which travel by Soviet officials and citizens ordinarily is not permitted because of restrictions imposed on travel.

However, at Soviet request, exemptions were granted in Mikoyan's case. The moral of the story must be, if you want to be a good spy, be a big one.

Mikoyan's Friends

It was not surprising to find out who Mikoyan's friends were in the United States. It was not the people who had seen him in action back in Europe and Asia.

It was not the fundamental Protestant ministry nor the Catholic clergy nor the patriotic congressmen like Walter Judd, who said: "I will not dine with a man whose hands are dripping red with the blood of 21-million persons."

But it was the Hubert Humphreys, the Javises and the pro-Red gang in our Senate and Congress who crucified McCarthy; who have fought every measure to outlaw Communism; and who now seek to shackle our nation with a despotic Civil Rights Bill, which would restrain our people in the same manner as Communism has bound one-third of the earth.

It was the Hollywood stars with the glittering fanfare who make up the Actors' Laboratory and the Screen Writers' Guild, and who have used their profession to propagandize the youth of the land and to bring about the moral decay which we see in the present hour, creating widespread waves of juvenile delinquincy.

It was the anti-American millionaires like Cyrus Eaton, who has made his fortune in our land, and fights against paying income tax to protect our nation, while he lavishes great gifts upon the Soviet butchers.

It was the labor leaders like Walter Reuther, Joseph Beirne, William Dougherty and Carl Feller.

It was like old times for Reuther, for here was the pal of his school days when Walter trained in Moscow to become a leader of the revolution in America.

It was like old home week, to sit and chat with this mad butcher who had instructed him for several years on how to successfully build a revolutionary movement in America; and how they could work together once the government was overthrown, the people subjected and the United States of Soviet America established.

In the Phillip Murray building, overlooking the United States Capitol, Reuther and his bosom pal could quietly joke over the Liberal victory in November, and the power that Reuther now held over the Congress of the United States, through the many men who were elected with his stamp of approval.

In the seventh floor suite these world revolutionists lounged in easy chairs while waiters in white coats offered a choice of vodka, scotch, bourbon, tomato juice and wine.

Then from a buffet they were served soup, creamed chicken, tossed salad and blueberry pie. In this cute little tete-a-tete over the coffee cup and the strong drinks, they offered toasts to the four freedoms, and Mikoyan gave praises and admirations of the Russian people for Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt.

American Prisoners In Russia

While this cozy little gathering of world revolutionists was taking place, in the dark cold, damp prison cells of the barren wastelands of Soviet Russia, around one thousand American boys were looking out at the cloudy skies and hoping that they might see a sign of deliverance as they ate moldy, black bread and sipped their weak cabbage soup.

If they could have but seen by the mind's eye what was transpiring in Washington, their love for their native land would have been dashed to pieces, and all hope for their freedom would have vanished.

How long will an intelligent people in a Christian nation continue to break bread with the anti-Christ, and to forgive liars and murderers and give to the Red gangsters prestige, so that they may continue their onward march of butchery, pillage and rape of the world — for let us be reminded that, once we have allowed the rest of the world to be shackled, who then shall come to our rescue when the hour of trial comes upon us?

If we are going to be consistent in our thinking, then it is time for the White House to throw special parties for every prostitute, every gangster, every murderer and every thief.

Let's make it a big holiday and entertain our own underworld first before we entertain Russian gangsters, "bringing strange gifts."

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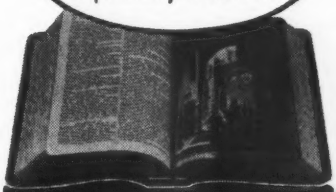

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"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15.

"The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men." Psalm 115:16

THERE'S A LOT OF TALK about getting a man to the moon. Had you taken a pair of scissors and deleted everything from the morning press that had to do with moon shots, satellites and Communism, you'd probably have had shredded newspaper for breakfast.

In fact, getting to the moon all but monopolizes the imagination of tens of millions of Americans. The whole atmosphere is filled with "oh's and ah's" every time the next Russian sputnik rockets into the sky.

With all this furor about getting a man to the moon, it had better be soon, or there will be a lot of disappointed scientists — and a lot of dissipated dollars!

Everybody knows it's borrowed billions we're spending to get a man up there, but few seem to comprehend one grave danger in this wild, head-long scamper to keep pace with the Reds in their probes into outer space.

We are so all-fired concerned that the Russians may beat us there that we are actually stampeding into a crash spending program, seemingly unaware that we are about to satellite ourselves into bankruptcy.

This is a reminder that while striving for the moon, we could be losing the earth. And let us not be deceived. That's what the Communists want more than anything else ... this world, the one right down here, every hemisphere of it ... lock, stock and pickle barrel.

And we are falling for their "other world" diversionary tactics head over heels. And they are expert in the field.

Remember how they focused our attention elsewhere while they were carving Korea? While we were parleying in Geneva, they were parceling Viet Nam.

While our eyes were glued on Lebanon, they were chipping away at Matsu and Quemoy. While we were digging out from under the rubble there, they were opening the Berlin front.

The Worlds Above

Now, they draw our attention to worlds above as a feint to decoy us away from this world below, the real focal point of their prime and ultimate objective.

It's this world they want. They don't want the moon half so much. What would they do with it after they got it?

Let people everywhere pray God to jar us from this trance, for that's what it is, a profound state of abstraction of mind and spirit which is causing us, like the children of Hamelin, to follow the siren notes of Red Pied Piperism.

It is leading us, in this hypnotic state, off into oblivion by diverting our attention from the world to the moon.

For us to act suddenly and unconcertedly from some common panic impulse or technological inferiority complex, and in a hasty, frightened manner, is exactly what the Russians are hoping we will do.

If we can be stampeded, like a herd of cattle, into a race for the moon, *this* world is theirs.

They are playing for high stakes, the world ... this world, bear in mind ... not the moon or Mars.

And unless we wise up to their strategy of diverting our attention away from their real pearl, it will wind up being another case of "while we were busy here and there, it was gone."

If they can keep us engrossed with the moon, they'll have a lot less trouble engulfing the earth!

It's time we stopped chiding ourselves about Russia having attained the *conquest* of outer space. A misnomer, if there ever was one!

Penetration is a far more suitable word, and penetration falls far short of conquest.

And besides, if ... and notice I say *if*, the Moral Governor of this universe interprets this penetration as an intrusion on His preserve, His domain ... as some hold, let us be glad the Russians have this questioned honor.

Perhaps there was more of God in our failures than in their successes. Many conscientious people feel, most sincerely, that such aspirations are rank presumption with a tinge of "Tower of Babel" added.

They base their convictions on such verses in Holy Writ as "The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath he given to the children of men." (Psalm 115:16)

Now, what is to be our attitude? A negation of the scientific achievements of the Kremlin's crowd?

A minimization of the fact they are farther down the road than we are in certain fields of technology and the use of psychological weaponry?

Shall we pooh-pooh their sputniks and asteroids? Keep our fingers crossed and hope we can catch up with them before they can absorb us, or annihilate us?

Laboring under the notion that whoever gets up there "fustest with the mostest" will decide the fate of the world, is to act under sheer delusion.

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We need to keep in mind it's not some*thing* we shoot from earth up into the heavens, that is going to save the world. It is rather Some*one*, Who came down from heaven to earth! That was the pivotal point in history!

Not the launching pad at Cape Canaveral, but the manger at Bethlehem, and the night the Saviour descended from that upper world, to grace this planet and bring personal salvation with the promise of the "life that now is, and that which is to come."

It is a source of amazement that so-called Christian nations are frantically competing with Communists in quest of the moon. Let the Reds reach unknown worlds first, if they will. We are to major on this one.

This world is to be the world of our main concern, this world with all its known people and their known problems.

Seeking to plant the Stars and Stripes on the pock-marked moon, when the Blood Stained Banner of the Cross has yet to be lifted over more than half of this *terra firma;* falling victim to a celestial megalomania, under the planned and announced prodding of the Reds, all oblivious to our terrestrial mission ... could prove the fatal mistake!

We are not to get sidetracked. Nowhere is the Christian — individual, church or nation — commissioned or commanded to go to some other world, but there are multiplied commands to go, or make it possible for others to go, with the transforming message, the blessings and provisions of Christianity into all *this* world.

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Why should we spend billions to learn if there are men on Mars when we already know of millions of miserable men in Mexico and Mozambique?

People who cry for our recognition of their poverty of body and spirit? People needing and deserving our attention?

Pointing a needle-nosed Atlas or Jupiter into the azure is not nearly so convincing to a crippled Asian leper, or a syphilitic-blinded child in Africa, as the needle on the end of the syringe in the missionary doctor's hand.

That needle holds hope of a better world for him, something an orbiting satellite cannot do. And he represents about a billion and a half people in a similar or worse condition.

The "have not" nations of the world look to us expectantly, and we must beware lest we frustrate the purposes of Providence in the race to space while neglecting the men at our gates.

I leave to the theologizer and politicians the moral and political issues involved in going to other worlds, but as to the utter need and necessity of our "going into all the world with the Gospel," in obedience to the command of Christ, there can be no argument.

The Great Commission

If we had our job all done, down here; if the Great Commission, as given by Christ, had now reached completion; if we had now successfully prosecuted the cause of world missions; if the world, this world, were now saturated with Truth; if disciples had now been made of every kindred, tongue, tribe and nation ... that would be a horse of another color.

But the world predicament being what it is, if it's a toss between trillions for missiles and trifles for missions, a man on the moon or a missionary on Madagascar, we must not hesitate to choose the better part.

Not that this is an appeal to scrap every reasonable security measure. It is not! But it goes beyond keeping our powder dry and our fingers crossed ... to keeping our knees bent!

Finally, this is an appeal to Christian nations to take care lest they be duped into majoring on missiles and minoring on missions, and wake up ... too late ... to realize that while they were looking at the moon, they lost the earth.

Let Russia's sputniks encircle the sun ... we'll keep our arms around *this* world!

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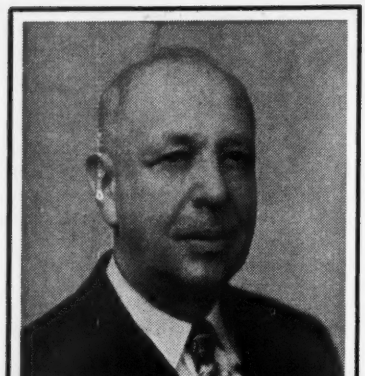

Integration and National Security

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Editor's Note: Mr. Spitsbergen rips the mask off, exposing the true motives of those who espouse the use of compulsion in enforcing integration upon both Negro and White.

THE DEVELOPMENTS which arise from integration make it necessary to clarify the issue. There are many conflicting concepts.

One recommends, as did President Lincoln, and other Presidents, that the Negro should build a nation of his own in a separate land.

Another one is for separation in every respect, except as servants; and one (sponsored by high authority and rapidly gaining wide approval) which insists upon the removal of all restrictions and encourages intermarriage — miscegenation.

Changes in the status of the Negro accounts for the divergent concepts. Prior to the Civil War period most of the members of his race were full-blooded. Today that aspect, especially in the North, has been modified.

The blood infusion has given his race a better personal appearance. Under that influence its members more readily acquired property, absorbed a degree of culture and increased academic capacity. As a consequence many social restrictions were dissolved.

The concept for removal of all restrictions, reinforced by the Black Monday decision, is now dedicated to school integration.

The great majority of those whose children are involved, including the better class of colored parents, believe that such a course lowers morals, and academic standards and, consequently, is detrimental in every way, including economic security and national defense. If that be true, no government nor church can rightfully impose the resisted relationships.

It should be noted that the white advocates of school integration are, generally, persons whose children are not subjected to the change.

Their judgment, therefore, is not entitled to much weight, if any. It represents an unusual demonstration of presumptuousness.

The Government's sponsorship of the new social status has created an army of enthusiasts for integration. Its soldiers have flooded the country with educational, political and religious propaganda which gives the colored students an undeserved school preference, much over-rating and a false concept of academic ability.

Nevertheless, when white students are a substantial majority, colored students are frustrated by the direct social rejections, and discouraged by being made aware of their lack of academic capacity.

When the colored students represent a majority, the white students are subjected to many disadvantages, including that of rude and vicious aggressiveness on the part of the colored students.

Frustrations and Resentments

The psychiatrist and the Supreme Court agree that the frustrations experienced by the Negro develops in them a spirit of resentment.

That explains the actions referred to, and so frequently manifested to the disadvantage of the white students.

Moreover, for lack of sharper competition, the white students become less alert. Also they are confronted with an increase of carelessness in dress, speech and conduct.

That is so because too many of the Negro students are not interested in education. The urge for achievement is stifled because his race rejects itself when seeking professional help.

A cruel, but justified, discrimination. However, a lack of faith not found so generally in the other races.

The government's determination to prove equal ability, and the penalty for not cooperating, snares instructors into unjust discrimination against white students.

Knowledge that a powerful government is determined to prove its contention will make that inevitable.

The closer contacts are bound to stimulate intermarriage as well as illicit relationships. Should one expect teenagers to do otherwise when so many prominent persons, especially clergymen and educators, encourage it as the road to a more virile civilization?

However, the converse is true, unless all the evidence displayed by history is now dead wrong.

A continuation of this course will aggravate the maladjustments, increase the tears, intensify the heartaches, and impair economic security and national defense.

For these well-known facts a majority of the parents and their children, colored and white, are not in favor of integration.

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democratic principles, may over-ride their judgment. Moreover, such principles do not impose the will of the alleged beneficiary upon the judgment of the responsible benefactor.

White parents manifest their disapproval of integration by moving away from it, if possible. That defeats integration and restores segregation.

The result so displeases the integrationist that he demands laws which will make it impossible for the victims to escape.

He is too self-righteous and emotional to regret the terrible hardships which flowed from his foolish action or to realize that his methods involve tyranny — tyranny because it denies to responsible persons an opportunity to resist or protect themselves.

The Black Monday decision ruled that the rights of such persons must be set aside. It is a decision of political necessity, adroitly covered with a declaration that integregation is inherently right and therefore must be enforced regardless of prior decisions, law, constitutional provisions or majority votes.

That the decision is an unparalleled abuse of judicial authority is generally conceded. Nevertheless, because of its political significance, it is vigorously supported by the legislative and executive branches, clergymen, educators, editors and the entertainment world.

The over-all issue relates to maintaining a civilization. It may be conceded that the Negro is equal or even superior to the white man in some ways. But with respect to building a civilization, the record precludes even a presumption that he is adequate.

That is so by reason of inherent tendencies, and not because of unjust discrimination, denied opportunities or repression.

The progress he has made, according to all, is due to the patient and helpful hands of persons from races which did not ask for help, and succeeded in spite of opposition, oppression, discrimination, abuse and misfortune.

They preferred death to bondage because of a spirit to be entirely dependent upon their own energy and judgment for security.

The Black Monday decision is authority for saying that, in the absence of close association with such persons, the Negro falters.

Forcing Acceptance

His disposition is one of dependence, manifested by his readiness to ask for help, and governmental authority to force other people to accept him. No other race ever followed such a path.

It is evidence of self-rejection and poor judgment, and the basic reason for being discounted by other races. Hostility develops in the degree that he insists upon force. It kindles the flame for complete removal.

Like other individuals he is subjected to abuse from those who live by taking unfair advantages. That is condemned and regretted by all responsible persons. However, much of the abuse arises from the failure of so many members of his race to properly assess the rights of others.

They move into communities to enforce for themselves a cheap home market, are careless and often determined to inflict upon others the disadvantages that nature imposed on them, and invade many areas, including the public schools, merely to prove their right to do so, and under admissions that they are not concerned about adverse consequences. The Christian members of his race condemn such actions.

The claim that closer association will dispel objections, and that there is governmental encouragement, is not a valid excuse.

It proves that he does not wish to associate with his own race. Yet the Government and the Church compel others to do so.

Personal appearance is a primary reason for rejection and acceptance (discrimination). It is often the factor which determines social and economic security.

The unfortunate in that respect, upon constant rejection, acquire a complex which disqualifies for leadership. It is a factor when it marks racial characteristics. The immigration laws of every country testify to that fact.

To describe as prejudice (maliciousness and ignorance) all efforts to protect personal appearance by way of racial integrity suggests that the one who d o e s so is misinformed, emotional subservient or deceitful.

After the die has been cast, it is not the function of government, nor of the church, to compel others to absorb the disadvantage or expose them thereto, even if it could be proved to be a blessing.

The conclusion must be that when the Federal Government abridges or denies to management, communities, organizations or individuals the right to determine all such matters, it impairs the efficiency upon which civilization depends.

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Such procedure is not "equal protection of the law." It is a denial of such protection to the strength on which progress and civilization depends.

It gives an advantage to the weak and handicaps the strong. The battle of life cannot be fought with such rules. Such rules are for the sporting world.

Segregation (separation) is necessary because of the political, spiritual and physical depravity of members of the white race.

They do not hesitate to take advantage of the colored by false promises about religion, society, commerce and government. That makes it pertinent to observe that if the Federalists may override State school laws because of heartaches, they also, for the same reason, may nullify anti-marriage laws.

The indifference to the hardships which their programs impose make it clear that the integrationists are not sympathetic or sincere. They are prepared to use the sword, even on teenagers, to support a court decision which outstanding authorities declare to be without foundation in law or reason.

It is bound to be modified because it repudiates many prior decisions based on better law and judgment. In their zeal to sustain a speculation on race relations, they deny to others the ordained methods of redress.

Much is said about the Bible. The Old Testament insists on racial segregation and demands utter destruction of races or people considered inadequate. Moreover, it suggests an eternal curse for a disregard of the intimate relations of life.

The rule of utter destruction has not been abrogated. It was invoked against the South during the Civil War days. It is a primary rule in Russia.

Efficiency Vs. Inefficiency

But even in daily life, failure to meet requirements, results in rejections without regard to hardships. In an emotional protest to this rule we have today the philosophers who insist upon handicapping the efficient, in every area, in order to give the weak, the inadequate, the deficient, lazy and careless a chance to win.

The hardships inflicted on the colored race are there as an implied demand for separation. Such hardships represent an unwitting endorsement of the Bible rule. They stem from the inborn sense of self-protection, and not from an unnatural desire to abuse, persecute or unjustly discriminate.

No one disputes that certain races are inadequate in building a civilization. Such races defeat themselves and all others when they are projected into equal opportunity for administration and social relations.

It is common knowledge that a nation converted into a total colored population is weak in academic capacity, economic security and national defense.

Civilization builders jeopardize the whole structure when they speculate with blood dilution or material that does not have a long record of achievement.

From whence comes the pressure which persuades or compels the white race to deny its own record of achievement?

The primary pressure comes from the powerful influences supporting the United Nations. That organization is dedicated, unavoidably so, to abolish segregation. Its members pretend to believe that if all nations, for every purpose, are put on equal footing, regardless of the record, world peace will be achieved.

The Federal Government is enthusiastic about these programs. Moreover, it is pledged to support them. Consequently, State jurisdiction is thrust aside on the ground that racial relationships create so many national and world problems that the Federal Government must take jurisdiction thereof.

Fulfillment of the pledge requires discarding the Constitution. That Document interferes too much with world-wide political objectives and therefore must be nullified to help bring the white giant to his knees.

It is common knowledge that the non-white nations have many members who are resentful and feel that they are subjected to unjust discrimination. That resentment manifests itself in the world-wide movement against separation.

Yet it should be obvious that to deny the white race its long established leadership will not prove to be beneficial anywhere.

However, it could be that the war-battered, debt-burdened Anglo-Saxon has mental fatigue and has lost his spirit of independence and his qualifications to lead.

Political Expediency

The Federal Government is now so powerful that organizations, communities, businessmen, educators and clergymen instinctively realize that to re-

sist its so-called social programs is to jeopardize life, jobs, reputation, education and property, and that to endorse them means favors and security.

They therefore whoop it up for integration.

Political expediency drives the politician. The charts show that certain economic policies and votes are necessary to remain in power.

Mortals confronted with such an expediency do not hesitate, in the name of justice and liberty, to betray integrity and public welfare.

Business firms, for various reasons, move into the Southland. Turmoil in the South will stem that tide. The leaders in the North therefore have been astute in developing it.

The influx of colored persons make difficult problems for the North. It believes that forced integration will stem that tide, and also discourage white families from moving into the South to avoid integrated schools.

The reasons for the North's determination to force integration on the South are, therefore, obvious and manifold. The faucets of human nature explain the sanctimonious face and the hypocrisy.

Self-righteousness plays a great part. That is a stimulant most people are reluctant to forego. Moreover, pastors, priests and educators are obliged to honor mandates from central administration.

Such administration, also confronted with expediency, always supports the Government. They would soon be out of business if they didn't.

Integrationists, Real Race Haters

The integrationists proclaim that those who resist integration are a small majority made up of race haters and riffraff. They also pretend that their programs will not interfere with racial integrity.

But they teach that segregation is an immoral concept, and preach hatred, persecution and the sword for those who believe otherwise.

They do this although the record shows that what they propose has always ended in disaster, physically, morally, spiritually and economically.

Since the record is before them, one must conclude that their concern is not for the Negro, nor for the country in which they agitate.

A further challenge to motive is that it is not now, never has been, and never can be the proper function of government or the church to deny persons the right to choose who they will employ or associate with, or to compel, coerce or encourage those rejected to use force to attain a denied relationship.

It could be that the fast-growing world-wide conviction that there is no God — no punishment for evil, no reward for good — has brought this crisis to civilization.

But a frightening persecution is being witnessed. The Negro, with the help of the Government and the Church, is driving those who believe in racial integrity from their homes and schools and causing irreparable damage to their business. The Government and the Church use the sword — utter destruction — if they resist.

These persons are denied Fourteenth Amendment protection for their life and property, especially with respect to due process of law and the equal protection thereof.

They are being reduced to second-class citizens — denied, by the sword, the right to protect a priceless heritage without which civilization cannot survive.

Maintaining a civilization is not a picnic. Nor is it a game wherein the strong accept a handicap to give the amateur a chance.

The rules are the same as they are for war, and for the same reasons. The chain on which it depends requires that every link meet the exacting specifications. There seldom is time to redeem material which needs extra attention.

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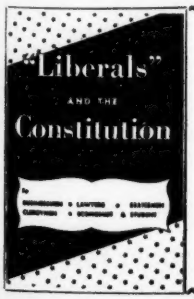

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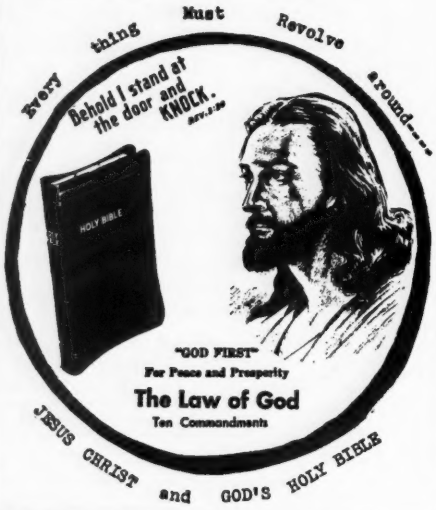

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In 1953 triple-threat Pat won the Ted Mack amateur contests and began his appearances on the Arthur Godfrey show. Since that time his Dot records have sold more than 20-million copies, he has starred in his own television show on ABC-TV, and he has made several successful movies.

Pat and Shirley were teenage steadies at David Lipscomb College in Nashville, Tennessee. At nineteen they married and moved to Texas so that Pat could attend North Texas State College. He completed his college work at Columbia University, graduating *magna cum laude.*

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In spite of the demands of these activities, Pat has always continued his church work. He has preached guest sermons to Church of Christ congregations all over America and was recently elected to the board of directors for the National Institute for Christian Education.

No one can doubt that Pat Boone is qualified to give advice to teenagers. In " 'Twixt Twelve and Twenty" he answers the question as to what life is all about.

He writes about dating, "going steady," and falling in love; getting married and having children.

He gives a formula for making friends and learning things; he covers making mistakes, falling down, getting bruised, picking one's self up and starting all over again.

He has written about the things teenagers eat and wear, the games they play, the things they do, the things they think, during the process of finding their own special talents.

Pat Boone decided that the most effective way to interest and influence teenagers, to show them the way to solve the problems was to relate his own experiences 'twixt twelve and twenty.

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Pat admits that teenage can be a confusing time, but that it also can be a great and wonderful adventure.

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The book is a testimonial to Pat's firm conviction that the greatest influence in his own life has been his faith in God. He writes of the advantages of being a good Christian as follows:

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by Donald E. Demaray (Baker Book House, 105 pages, cloth binding, price $1.50).

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Dr. Demaray is also the author of "Basic Beliefs," An Introductory Guide to Christian Theology and editor of Devotions and Prayers of John Wesley.

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by Larry Love (Zondervan Publishing House, 120 pages, cloth bound, price $2.00).

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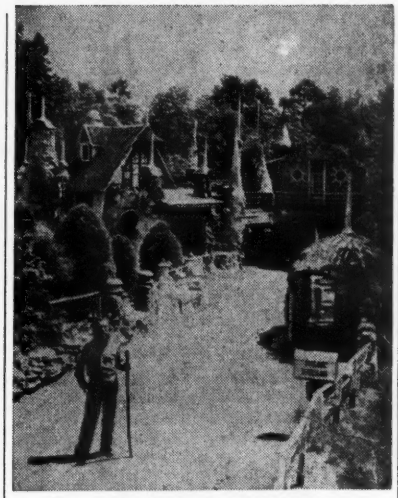

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Teach Me Lord To Wait	Until Then
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THE RIGHT TO EMPLOY

George Peck ◆ **Largo, Florida**

(Editor's Note: Mr. Peck is honorary chairman of the Laymen's National Committee, sponsor of National Sunday School and Bible Weeks.)

THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR of the United States Government has wandered far from the purposes for which it was initiated.

This important department was intended to serve not only labor (both union organized and unorganized) but the employers of labor as well.

But over the years, the labor unions have gradually completely taken over the Department of Labor, until the general public has come to consider that it was set up originally to function exclusively for organized labor union members, to the exclusion of the many more millions of men and women who do not belong to unions.

Also, as to the employer, a most important participant in labor, the same general public has come to consider him as out of bounds as far as the Department of Labor is concerned. If there was ever a "forgotten man," the present day employer is it, with a capital T.

As a result, during the past few years we have heard and read much, first about the "closed shop," and since the enactment of the Taft-Hartley law, the "union shop."

This has been accompanied by great discussion on "The Right-To-Work," which has been engendered in large degree because the afore-mentioned Taft-Hartley law accords the citizens of the individual states the right to decide whether or not the "union shop" shall be legal within their states.

No regular reader of this column can have the slightest doubt as to how we stand on this "right-to-work" issue.

We never have, do not now, nor never will believe that any worker should be forced to join a union in order to get a job or to hold it.

The right of a worker to work where and for whom he pleases is basic American — he should not be forced to join a union.

Having reiterated how we regard the "union shop," which forces men and women into involuntary servitude, let us now give some attention to the employer, the "forgotten man," in this picture.

Practically all of the objections that have been raised against this invasion of a man's right to gain and hold a job without paying tribute to a labor union have been based on his "right-to-work."

But how about the employer's "right-to-employ?" Let's consider his rights for a change of pace.

What has led us to give this "forgotten man" some attention is that recently we listened to an employer recount his sad experience with a labor union which took over in his manufacturing plant. Here briefly is what he told us:

He himself previously had been a worker, a union member. He hastily added that he joined this union voluntarily, was quite happy as a member of it because it was a well-managed union.

He progressed upward to foreman in the plant where he was employed, to superintendent and eventually to a top executive position.

Having saved some money and being fired with the American ambition to keep climbing, he decided to launch a manufacturing concern of his own. He received some financial help from friends and business acquaintances who invested in his new venture.

He purchased a piece of property, built thereon a modern factory building, equipped it with machinery, bought raw materials, deposited some money in the bank for working capital and was all set to go.

Now came the time to engage the services of men and women to help him carry on the business.

He experienced no trouble in finding a competent treasurer and office staff. Nor did he have any difficulty in hiring skilled mechanics to operate his machinery. Everything was going along swimmingly.

Then came trouble. An election was held in his plant and a union won a contract to act as bargaining agent. Under the "union shop" clause of this contract, workers had to join the union or give up their jobs.

Several of his employees, for various reasons, refused to join the union — some maintained, and rightfully, that the union was in no way responsible for their employment — so why should they be forced to pay dues to it?

The result: Our new manufacturer lost three of his key employees. The "union shop" had worked a hardship on these three, but how about the employer?

Having invested his life savings, and also those of friends, in his enterprise, he found himself with no "right-to-employ," three workers he needed to help make his business a success.

As previously stated, this was indeed a sad experience.

The next time you may be involved in a discussion of "right-to-work" laws, it is respectfully suggested that the name of the issue be expanded to "right-to-work-and-employ."

In our book, the "right-to-work" is not one iota more important and vital than the "right-to-employ."

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SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMENTS

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LESSON NUMBER ONE

March 22, 1959

THE CRUCIFIED ONE

Matt. 27:11-56; Mark 15:1-41; Luke 23:13-49; John 18:28-37

BIBLE VERSE

Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. LUKE 23:34

The Key Word: Crucified

Crucifixion was usually preceded by scourgings with thongs, to which were sometimes added nails, pieces of bone, etc., to heighten the pain, often so intense as to cause death.

The criminal carried his own cross, or a part of it, in which case another was compelled to share the burden. The place of execution was outside the city.

Upon arrival, the condemned was stripped of his clothes, which became the perquisite of the soldiers; and the cross, having been previously erected, he was drawn up and made fast to it with cords or nails, although sometimes the victim was fastened to the cross, which was afterward raised.

The limbs of the victim were generally three or four feet from the earth. Before the nailing or binding took place, a medicated cup was given out of kindness to confuse the senses and deaden the pangs of the sufferer. Our Lord, however, refused it that His senses might be clear.

If the nailing was the most painful mode in the first instance, the other was more so in the end, for the sufferer was left to die of sheer exhaustion, and when simply bound with thongs, it might take days to accomplish the process; for usually a strong pin projected out of the central stem, on which the body of the sufferer rested.

Instances are on record of persons surviving for nine days. Owing to the lingering character of this death, our Lord was watched, according to custom, by a party of four soldiers, with their centurion, to prevent the person being taken down and resuscitated.

Fracture of the legs was resorted to by the Jews to hasten death. This was done to the two thieves crucified with Jesus, but not to Him, for the soldiers found that He was dead already.

The unusual rapidity of our Lord's death was due to the depth of His previous agonies, or may be sufficiently accounted for simply from peculiarities of constitution. — *Unger's Bible Dictionary*

The Key Verse: Luke 23:35

"And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God."

A traveler in an Asiatic desert has spent his last bit of bread and his last drop of water. He has pursued his journey in hunger and thirst until his limbs have given way, and he has at length lain down on the ground to die.

Already, as he looks on the hard, dry sky, he sees the vultures swooping down, as if unwilling to wait till his breath go out.

But a caravan of travelers with provisions and camels comes up. Hope revives in his fainting heart. They halt and look; but as the poor man cannot walk, they are unwilling to burden themselves, and coldly pass on.

Now he is left to all the horrors of despair. They have saved themselves, but left him to die.

Ah! what heart can conceive the misery of human kind, if the Son of God had saved Himself from suffering, and left a fallen world to the wrath of God!

The Key Fact: Repentance Brings Change

The word repentance does not mean simply regret. It is a change of mind; an alteration of thought, feeling and conduct.

When a sinner truly repents he does more than lament the past, dread the future, and ask for mercy. He hates his sin, not only for the punishment it brings, but for itself. It is no longer in harmony with his taste. Holiness is no longer his aversion.

However sudden may have been the dying thief's repentance, it was an entire change of heart and character, and would have resulted in an entire change of conduct had his life been prolonged.

In proof of this, consider some of the elements of this repentance. First, there was reverence for God. He said to his companion, "Dost thou not fear God?"

The absence of this fear is the main characteristic of the ungodly. "There is no fear of God before their eyes."

The dying thief indicated contrition for his former life of sin. "We indeed justly, for we receive the due reward of our deeds."

He was suffering the agonies of crucifixion. But the torture did not provoke him to complain of the severity of the sentence.

He felt himself to be a criminal. He confessed it before his companion and the crowd. We infer from the entire narrative that he was a sincere penitent.

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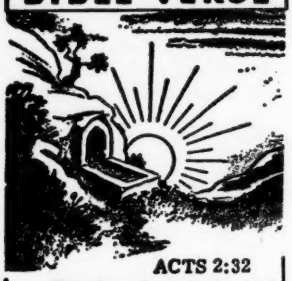
Matt. 28:16-20; Mark 16:9-20; Luke 24:13-53; John 20:19-29

BIBLE VERSE



ACTS 2:32

This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

The Key Word: Risen

Christianity is an existing fact. And the center of that belief is the doctrine of the resurrection. We can thus trace the doctrine of the resurrection to its source, and see that it was no gradual innovation into the Church's belief; no doctrine gradually taking shape, as myths do, from ideas which have been floating about in the minds of men; but an alleged fact, attested by those who professed to be eye-witnesses of the event; and believed in by the Church at a time when these witnesses were still alive.

You might ask, were they deceived in thinking the Christ had actually risen from the dead?

To answer this, bear in mind, the witnesses were not one or two, but a large number — upwards of five hundred having seen the risen Redeemer at the same time.

The times and the manner of the Saviour's appearing were such as to render deception impossible. He appeared repeatedly — at different times and in various circumstances, and was not only visible to the eye, but palpable to the touch.

Their familiarity with the Saviour previous to His death qualified them for recognizing Him after His resurrection. They had been with Him in all circumstances.

Did they attempt to deceive others? Men do not practice imposition without an object in mind. If they attempt to deceive, it is with a view to some selfish end — could there be any such end contemplated by the disciples of Christ?

As Peter so aptly stated it, "If Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain."

The Key Verse: Luke 24:36

"And as they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you."

Notice the perfect timing of this visit. He appeared to the disciples when they were exceedingly unworthy of such a favor, and when they rather deserved to have been visited in anger. They had treated Him in a very unkind and ungrateful manner.

He came when He was most needed. The faith and hope and courage of the disciples were reduced to the lowest point of depression and, unless revived, must soon expire.

Though assembling at this time was dangerous, so that they did not dare to meet openly, yet the disciples did assemble. This proved the existence of a bond of union among them.

This bond consisted in sympathy of feeling. They all felt the same affections, the same apprehensions and anxieties, and the same sorrows, and all their thoughts centered in one object — their crucified Master.

The Key Fact: The Bible is a Rich Storehouse

Christ said, "Thus it is written." Henry Ward Beecher compares our neglect of God's Word to an heir who was left an old baronial estate.

He left it sit for a number of years until one day someone reminded him of it, whereupon he decided to look over his holdings.

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LESSON NUMBER THREE

April 5, 1959

SAMUEL JUDGES ISRAEL

I Samuel 3:19-21; 7

BIBLE VERSE

I SAMUEL 12:23 God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way.

The Key Word: Samuel

In studying the character of Samuel, it is impossible not to be impressed with his piety.

Dedicated to the service of God by his mother, that service never became an irksome routine. God was the center around which he, as well as heaven, turned.

In all his difficulties he repaired to God for counsel. In all his acts and decisions he was guided by the word of Jehovah.

His advice to the Israelites was the motto of his own life, "Turn not aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart."

Nor was his patriotism less apparent. His object was not the possession of power, but the welfare of his people.

Place, honor and power were not sought by him, but he by them. And when the people, without respect to his gray hairs and long service, called upon him to resign his office, there was no feeble cry for pity, nor peevish reproach for their ingratitude.

He challenges inspection of his character and official life; remonstrates with Israel on their choice as being an act of disloyalty not against himself, but Jehovah; and warns them of the evils which would result from the establishment of a monarchy.

And when Saul was selected as his successor, rising above the weaknesses of our nature, Samuel received him with the utmost courtesy, and treated him with paternal kindness. There is no more magnanimous thing in history!

—*Unger's Bible Dictionary*

The Key Verse: I Samuel 7:2

"And all the house of Israel lamented after the Lord."

The inhabitants of Israel were greatly oppressed. Their worldly possessions had been taken from them. They had been beaten in battle. They saw their children slain. Once again they were in slavery, this time to the mighty Philistines.

We are told that history runs in cycles. While in servitude in the land of Egypt the Israelites suffered unduly. Only after they became inwardly convinced that no one could help them but God, were they delivered. Now they find themselves in similar circumstances, and once again they call on the Lord.

Yet, even while they desired His assistance, they feared that He might not deliver them. They prayed earnestly and sincerely, but there was a dash of doubt about it all!

Reading on into the third verse you will note that, even while calling on the Lord, they still retained their old idols! They lamented after the Lord, but they did not get the Lord, because they wanted to have Him and their idols too!

There are people like that today. They would like to keep their sins, yet go to heaven. They would like to be a saint, but can't give up their sins! It is useless lamenting after the Lord, if it does not lead to giving up your idols.

The Key Fact: Disaster Aids Repentance

When men have suffered sorely as a consequence of their misdoing, or of their lack, they are very likely to strive with earnestness to guard against a recurrence of such disaster.

There is no time when it is safer to travel over a great railway line than just after a collision through the carelessness of a switchman.

And while the whole country is shocked at the loss of life and property through the giving way of an imperfectly constructed dam, there will be reasonable care in the inspection and in the building of future dams.

It is perfectly natural, therefore, that the people of Israel, who had suffered defeat because of the misuse of the ark of the Lord by those who were set to guard it, should be ready to bring it again to a fitting place, and to set apart a fitting person to guard it sacredly.

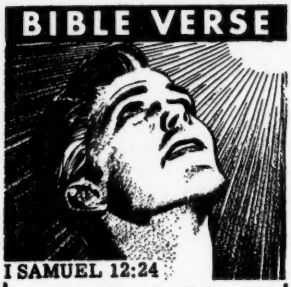
It is better to try to do well after a great disaster than not to try at all; but how much better than all it is to do well from the beginning!

LESSON NUMBER FOUR

April 12, 1959

SAUL DECLARED KING OF ISRAEL

I Samuel 10:17-27



I SAMUEL 12:24

Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart; for consider how great *things* he hath done for you.

The Key Word: Saul

There is not in sacred history a character more melancholy to contemplate than that of Saul.

He was naturally humble and modest, though of strong passions. His natural rashness was controlled neither by a powerful understanding, nor a scrupulous conscience, and the obligations of duty and ties of gratitude, always felt by him too slightly, were totally disregarded when ambition, envy and jealousy had taken possession of his mind.

He seems never to have accepted God unconditionally and trusted Him implicitly but, as the names of his children would indicate, wavered between the worship of God and the old, heathenish superstition.

Now he would be under the influence of prophetic inspiration, again the slave of his common pursuits; at one time pleading with the prophet to reveal to him the will of Jehovah, at another disobeying his commands; now driving out of the land all having familiar spirits, only to consult afterward the witch of En-dor.

In him, also, is seen that moral anomaly or contradiction which would be incredible did we not so often witness it, of an individual pursuing habitually a course which his better nature pronounces not only sinful but insane.

The corrupt administration of Samuel's sons furnished the Israelites an occasion for rejecting the theocracy. This, together with an invasion of the Ammonites and a love of novelty, conspired in prompting the demand for a king. Thus was Saul introduced into history. — *Unger's Bible Dictionary*

The Key Verse: I Samuel 10:26

"And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and there went with him a band of men, whose hearts God had touched."

There are times in the life of a person when the sympathy of a friend is of priceless value. At critical junctures of our history, in times of sorrow or in seasons of joy, it is most acceptable.

This sympathy was human. "There went with him a band of men." Potent as are spiritual influences to sustain us in duty, is it not welcome to feel the pressure of the hand, to hear the love which speaks in the quivering voice, and to see the eye of compassion looking upon us?

This sympathy was collective. "A band of men." It was practical. "They went with him." It was fervent.

They did not merely follow Saul as a bodyguard of soldiers, who were to be paid for their work. There was some deep power within that bound them to the new king; and therefore we cannot wonder at their sympathy taking a practical form.

This sympathy was divinely called forth. "Whose hearts God had touched." Yes, all hearts are in the Divine hand, and when we are placed by Providence in circumstances of trial, it can influence the most potent so that they become our friends.

The Key Fact: God Still Touches Hearts

The heart, in Holy Scriptures, frequently means the whole spiritual nature, including the understanding, the affections, and the will.

The understanding of this band of men who followed Saul was touched, enabling them to discern their own duty and the true interest of Israel. Their affections were touched, powerfully attracting them to Saul, and inspiring them with due respect and confidence.

Their will was touched, reenforcing with Divine grace their purpose practically to carry out the resolution they had formed; so that, whatever others might do, they would adhere to the king.

True, there was much in Saul to attract. All this had its effect in winning their love and confidence; yet there was also a manifest supernatural power working within them.

And still, by His Holy Spirit, through His gospel, His sacraments and His providences, God graciously touches the hearts of men. Without this Divine agency, none would ever be saved. True, there are means and ministries employed, but these without God are fruitless and inefficient.

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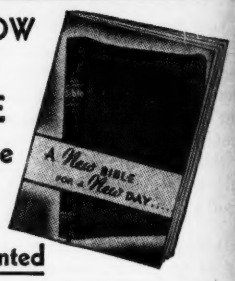

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